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JAPAN SUFFERS.

TROOPS INJURED IN THE NORTH.

OVER 30 CASUALTIES.

Southern Forces Reported To Have Run Amok.

NORTHERNERS DISARMED AT TSINGTAO.

More than thirty of the Japanese expedition at Tsinan, the capital of Shantung, including four officers, have become casualties in what appears to be desultory fighting with Southern Chinese troops who also suffered numerous casualties. Reuter indicates that hostile activities are becoming more serious and another report states that the Southern troops had "run amok and were firing and looting indiscriminately."

Trouble caused by Northern troops is spreading eastward from Tsinan and 2,000 of these men are said to have been disarmed by the Japanese at Tsingtao.

Nothing untoward has been reported from Chefoo, which is to the north of Tsingtao. The "China Mail" learns that H.M.S. "Foxglove" is proceeding to Wei-hai-wei, which is close to Chefoo, but her departure from Hong Kong may only be a part of the annual Fleet migration to the North during the summer.

"FOXGLOVE" GOES NORTH.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
 Despatches from Tientsin and from Tsingtao state that fighting between Chinese and Japanese at Tsinan is growing more serious. There have been numerous casualties on both sides. The Japanese already have four officers and thirty men wounded.—Reuter.

Troops "Run Amok."
 A report quoted in the British Naval wireless said that the Southern troops in Tsinan had run amok and were firing and looting indiscriminately, also that there was danger of a clash with Japanese troops.

Disturbances Continue.
 Tokyo, Yesterday.
 According to a Japanese War Office despatch, Japanese troops at Tsinan have collided with Southern troops who are looting the Japanese stores. The disturbances are continuing.—Reuter.

Earlier Hopes.
 Tokyo, Yesterday.
 Though details are lacking, it is believed the disturbances at Tsinan are of a minor character, as earlier official and unofficial despatches report occasional looting.

JAPAN CASUALTIES.

Five Killed And 20 Wounded.

CIVILIANS TOO.

Shanghai, To-day.
 Japanese reports from Tsinan state that the fighting at Tsinan was quelled by the joint efforts of the Japanese and Chiang Kai-shek after seven hours, in which the Japanese military casualties were five killed and 20 wounded.

In addition many Japanese residents were killed and other foreigners are reported to have suffered, but no details are available.
 Chinese casualties are estimated at 800, while a thousand were disarmed by the Japanese troops.—Reuter.

Latest cables:
 From Dairen: A mixed brigade of 2,000 Japanese troops has been ordered to Tsingtao.
 From Tokyo: The Cabinet has decided to despatch a brigade from Korea to Dairen in readiness for a dash to Tsingtao if necessary.

ing but that friendly relations have been established between the Japanese and the Southern authorities.—Reuter.

Undisciplined Southerners.
 Tokyo, Yesterday.
 The latest War Office despatch states that the situation in Tsinan does not allow of optimism as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is unable to control the undisciplined Southerners, who are looting and firing from houses in various parts of the city. It is intimated that the firing is against both Japanese and Chinese though this is not definitely stated.—Reuter.

AERIAL TOLL.

Disasters In U.S.A. Last Year.

PILOTS' BLUNDERS.

164 Fatalities And Accidents Recorded.

Washington, Yesterday.
 It is officially stated that 164 fatalities and aviation accidents occurred in the United States in 1927, of which 48 per cent. were owing to blunders by pilots.—Reuter's American Service.

SUDDEN CALL.

NEW YORK BANKER DIES AT DESK.

MR. ALVIN KRECH.

New York, Yesterday.
 Mr. Alvin Krech, the well-known international banker and Chairman of the Equitable Trust Company has died suddenly at his office.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Krech who was born in Hannibal, Missouri, in May, 1858, was originally engaged in flour milling, contracting and railroads. He had been associated with the Equitable Trust Co. since 1903. He was also identified with a large number of other commercial concerns.]

Paotingfu. From Hokienfu the projected defence line will run due south, across the provincial boundary into the north of Shantung, to Tehchow, which is about 75 miles from Hokienfu. From Tehchow, the line down to the Yellow River (due south) is about 50 miles.

175 Miles Long.
 In other words, the Northerners propose to hold a line running from north-west to south-east, about 175 miles long as the crow flies.

As Tehchow is on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Grand Canal goes north near Tehchow, the Northerners will have inside the territory which they indicate they will attempt to hold, the most northerly portions of the Peking-Hankow Railway, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Grand Canal, in addition, of course, to the lines running out of Peking to Manchuria and elsewhere, which are not in the war zone.

Chiang Kai-shek.
 Shanghai, Yesterday.
 Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has arrived at Tsinan with 20,000 Nationalist troops and is preparing to advance northward to Tehchow.—Reuter.

Canton Man's Surrender.
 Tsingtao, Yesterday.
 The Cantonese General Liu Chih-liu of the Northern Army in Shantung, who has fallen back to Fangtze with 10,000 Northern troops, has gone over to the Nationalists.—Reuter.

[Note: Liu Chih-liu is known in Hong Kong as Lau Chee-luk. He was Governor of Swatow some years ago.]

Munitions For The South.
 Manila, Yesterday.
 The Norwegian steamer "Vale," formerly the "Gerisal," has arrived here carrying a shipload of munitions consigned to the Chinese Nationalists, including 3,000 cases for Shanghai and 2,000 cases for Amoy.—Reuter.

LUNGHWA BOMBED.
 Raid By The Northern Airman.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
 There was a commotion here at noon to-day when two aeroplanes and one seaplane, believed to be from the Northern cruiser "Haichi" off Woosung, flew over the International Settlement in the direction of Kiangan Arsenal and dropped four bombs, with heavy explosions in the vicinity of Shanghai south railway station, and another among the Nationalist warships anchored off the arsenal.

The machines returned to their base scatheless.

Two women and two cows were injured.—Reuter.

Damage Unknown.
 Shanghai, Yesterday.
 Northern seaplanes are reported to have bombed the Lungwha (Arsenal) neighbourhood to-day, but the extent of the damage is unknown.—British Naval Wireless.

"CAPPY RICKS."

Robert Dollar Coming To Hong Kong.

DUE IN A WEEK.

Accompanied By Wife And Two Nieces.

"Cappy Ricks," the hero created by Peter Kyne is due to arrive in Hong Kong a week from to-day.

He is, as many know, the veteran shipowner, lumber-miller and merchant, the millionaire Captain Robert Dollar, the head of the Dollar shipping and other interests. According to the latest advice, Captain Dollar is to arrive from Shanghai by the "President Grant" on May 11.

Captain Dollar's stay in Hong



Kong will be too brief, but it is not the first time that he has come here. He will probably sail for Manila by the "President Grant" at 6 p.m. on May 12.

Two Charming Nieces.

With Captain Dollar is Mrs. Dollar and his two charming nieces, the Misses Dickson, who

YANGTZE BOYCOTT.

Chinese Soldiers And A Jardine Steamer.

Chungking, Yesterday.
 Chinese soldiers, under orders from the local Boycott Society, threatened to remove the cargo on the British s.s. "Kingwo," which had been handled by the crew of the ship.—British Naval Wireless.

Presumably, the boycott agitators attempted to prevent discharge, but the crew landed the cargo. The threat by the soldiers to "remove" or "unload" (as the despatch says) must be in the nature of a reprisal.

Chungking is a Treaty Port, over 1,400 miles up the Yangtze River, the furthest from the sea.

The British s.s. "Kingwo" is owned by the Indo-China S.N. Co. (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.).

are not strangers to the Far East because they accompanied their uncle on a previous journey.

The "China Mail" understands that so far no function has been arranged by his many friends in the Colony. The intention is that he will spend the day or so here without any hard and fast programme.

In Shanghai, addressing the American Chamber of Commerce, Captain Dollar spoke confidently on foreign trade in China.

According to a report from Manila, he will look into shipping conditions in the Philippine Islands and take a trip to the Dollar Line branch office at Cebu.

Birth In Scotland.
 He may stay in the Philippines for a week and then sail on the round-the-world liner, "President Wilson" to return to America via Europe and the Atlantic.

Born in a little home above a lumber firm's office in Falkirk, Scotland, Captain Dollar was taken from school when only twelve years of age. The family moved to Canada a year later. At fourteen, Captain Dollar was

cook's boy in a camp 200 miles from civilisation. Since then there have been many stages of progress in a romantic career.

Well-known and liked all over the world, Captain Dollar is highly

THE "BIG NOISE."

Feng Yu-Hsiang Displaces Chiang.

HIS DIRECTING MIND.

Foreign Opinion In Peking Said To Favour "Christian General."

Peking.—Feng Yu-hsiang has suppressed Chiang Kai-shek as the "big man" in the Nanking Government, in the opinion of many foreign observers in Peking. Recent developments are cited to show that Marshal Feng is now the chief directing force of the "Northern Expedition" and of the military group.

It is reported here that Feng now has greater influence than Chiang with fully 70 per cent. of the important leaders at Nanking, and that he can gain greater co-operation from Hankow and from Governor Yen of Shansi, the chief allies of Nanking in their fight against Peking.

Honan Gatherings.
 It is reliably learned that Marshal Feng has gathered in Honan perhaps the largest groups of returned students working for any military leader in China to-day.

These men, educated in the United States and Europe, are helping Feng to organise the civil government which the Marshal apparently expects to institute in the provinces now controlled by Chang Tso-lin.

It is obvious here that Chang Tso-lin's generals regard Marshal Feng as their most dangerous opponent, and that they are eager to eliminate him. The opinion is growing here that Feng may be able to succeed in driving Chang back to Mukden and to regain control of Peking. In such an event, it is now believed that Feng and not Chiang Kai-shek, would be the dominant figure in China.—United Press.

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

HAKKA VILLAGER ARRESTS THIEF.

CADY'S COMMENDATION.

For the theft of a long coil of wire and brass fittings from one of the houses under construction at Kowloon Tong, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Schofield. The accused was arrested by a Hakka in old Kowloon Tong village.

Inspector Phillips, giving evidence, said that at about 1 p.m. yesterday afternoon, the Hakka villager met defendant in Kowloon Tong village, and seeing a rather large and suspicious-looking parcel under defendant's arm, asked what it contained. Brass fittings and a coil of wire were then produced, defendant admitting he had stolen them from a house in Kowloon Tong. The villager then arrested the thief, and took him to Shamshui Police.

When the Police inspected the house in question, it was found only \$10 worth of material was stolen, but the damage sustained in so doing is estimated at \$100.

His Worship commended the Hakka for his public spirit, adding that if there were more men like him, in the world there would be hardly any crime.

The defendant was stated to be an employee of a contractor at Mongkok.

During the week the "China Mail" has maintained its up-to-date service of illustrated news.

Amongst the pictures used since Monday have been those of Prince Carol, reported to have mysteriously disappeared from Paris; Lord Birkenhead and King Fuad, in connection with the ultimatum to Egypt; Princess Victoria, sister of the ex-Kaiser, and her new husband, one time a Russian dancer; Chief Justice William Taft, of the U.S. Supreme Court; the late Mr. Lee Hysan, who was murdered the other day; Sir Rennell Rodd, when he captured the Marylebone constituency in the by-election; Duce Mussolini, accompanied by an interview by Viscount Rothermere; the hon. Elsie Mackay, who lost her life in Capt. Hinchliffe's mystery flight; Governor Al. Smith, of New York, accompanying news of the primary elections in America; Sir Samuel Hoare, who opened the new air port at Croydon during the week; and Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Sun Yat-sen, who declares he is calling at Hong Kong and Canton on his way back to Nanking.

Chinese Decorations.
 One of his lesser known gifts was a substantial amount to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Wuchang, when the late Siao Yü-nan was tuncun there and a great friend and admirer of Captain Dollar.

Captain Dollar has taken part in delegations to the Emperor of Japan and the last Emperor of China who, like the first President, Yuan Shih-kai, conferred a decoration on him. President

Li Yuan-hung, shortly after being elected, sent Captain Dollar a cable expressing a desire for friendship.

An outstanding figure of energy, Captain Dollar goes down to the Dollar Line office in San Francisco on all working days, except when he is away, and in spite of all attempts to induce him to leave the work to his sons and

colleagues.

Horrocks.

PEAT FIRES.

Dutch Disaster Reported.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

Several Million Florins' Worth Of Peat Destroyed.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.
 Extensive peat fires in the fen districts of the province of Drenthe have caused several million florins' worth of peat to be already destroyed. Dwellings in the affected area have had to be evacuated. There have been no fatalities.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CABINET.

RESIGNATION OF THE HOME MINISTER.

PREMIER'S ATTITUDE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
 The Home Minister has formally tendered his resignation to the Premier, who, it is understood, will take no action till the Diet Session is over lest it be considered that he regards the accusations against the Minister as justified.

Premier Temporarily Assumes Portfolio.

Tokyo, May 4.
 The Home Minister's resignation has been accepted by the Premier (Baron Tanaka) who has temporarily assumed the portfolio in addition to that of minister for Foreign Affairs which he already holds. It is expected that there will be a general reorganisation of the Cabinet after the diet of the Session when separate Home and Foreign ministers will probably be appointed.—Reuter.

It is an unprecedented action for a Financial Secretary to alter the Budget in the Chancellor's absence, and it was this which eventually led to the withdrawal of the amendment.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been ordered a complete rest. He is forbidden to see anyone on business.

Versatile Mr. Churchill.
 During the course of his long and varied career the Hon. Winston Churchill has been singularly free of illness. He is merely 64 years old—as statesmen's ages are regarded, quite a youngish man! A soldier as well as a statesman, Mr. Churchill entered the Army as long ago as 1895. In that year he served with the Spanish forces in Cuba and was awarded the 1st Class (Spanish) Order of Military Medal. Subsequently he served with the British Army in India and South Africa, in the latter country combining his military duties with that of correspondent for the London "Morning Post." It was while acting in the latter capacity that he was captured by the Boers, but the resourceful "Winston" soon escaped. At the outbreak of the World War, he was First Lord of the Admiralty. He has, however, occupied many Cabinet posts, being brilliant in them all. Also he is one of the first biographers and historians of the day. His versatility may partly be accounted for by the fact that his mother, Lady Randolph Churchill, was born in America—a New Yorker.]

Remaining Resolutions Passed.
 London, Yesterday.
 The House of Commons have confirmed the remaining Budget resolutions, and the Finance Bill has passed its first reading.—Reuter.

BALKANS' 'QUAKES.

MORE SHOCKS OCCURRING AT CORINTH.

STORM AND HAIL.

London, Yesterday.
 Disturbances still continue in the Balkans. A message from Athens reports six shocks, two of which were strong, from Corinth yesterday. More houses collapsed, and the Struma overflowed extensively, inundating cultivated areas at Serez. At Demir Hissar nearly 3,000 families were rendered homeless.

At Constantinople there was a violent earthquake shock lasting ten seconds at midnight, while a message from Bukharest states that a hurricane swept Klausenburg during the May Day celebration. Hailstones the size of eggs killed six and injured ten others.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 26th April, 1928.

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ing the manner in which the wind-
ing up has been conducted and the
property of the company disposed
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Francis of Assisi." He was a
firm supporter of the Allied cause
during the Great War, and had
lectured in London on modernism
and other subjects.

M. Sabatier was born in the
Cevennes on August 8, 1858. He
studied at the Faculty of Theo-
logy in Paris, and at the age of
27 became Protestant vicar of the
church of St. Nicholas, in Stras-
bourg. Four years later the Ger-
man Government offered him
promotion on condition that he
embraced German nationality,
and his request to be allowed to
remain "vicaire" was interpreted
by the authorities in the light of
a political manifestation, which
led to his expulsion. He then re-
turned to France, and was ap-
pointed pastor of the village of
St. Cierge, but after four years
work he was obliged, owing to ill-
health, to give up his cure, and
thenceforward, he devoted him-
self entirely to historical studies.

It was as the author of a "Life
of Francis" that M. Sabatier
first attracted general attention.
This was published at the end of
1893, and a year later it had been
translated into nearly every
European language, including
Swedish and Polish, the first
translation being a Russian ver-
sion under the direction of Tol-
stoy. Various German professors
queried certain details in the
"Life," which led M. Sabatier to
bring out a whole series of fur-
ther publications revealing him as
a scientific historian of the first
order. In 1898 the city of St.
Francis honoured him by decre-
ing him the title of "Citadino
d'onore," a distinction which had
been awarded to no one since
Garibaldi.

In 1901 M. Sabatier discovered
at Capistrano, in the Abruzzi,
the "Old Rule of the Third Order,"
which had before escaped the no-
tice of investigators. In the fol-
lowing year he founded the In-
ternational Society of Franciscan
Studies, and it was inaugurated
at Assisi, which had already
created him an honorary citizen.
At Assisi also he founded a so-
ciety for feeding necessitous
school children, and in aid of its
funds he delivered in London in
1905 a lecture on Modernism in
France. During the Church
crisis in France in 1907 he pub-
lished a work on disestablishment
in that country, and also a
reply to a manifesto by Cardinal
Gibbons on the religious conflict.

During the first Christmastide
following the outbreak of the war
Professor Falchlinelli, the pre-
sident of the International Society
for Franciscan Studies at Assisi,
addressed to M. Sabatier a letter,
enclosing a resolution in favour
of peace which the council of the
society had passed. The professor
had mistaken his man. M.
Sabatier had lost a brother at
Gravelotte in 1870, and his only
son was then fighting in the
Argonne. He replied to Fran-
cineilli in a remarkable letter,
which set out that for a French-
man to utter the word "Peace"
would be akin to treason.

The France of to-day is fight-
ing religiously. Catholics, Pro-
testants, men of Free Thought,
we all feel that our sorrows re-
new, continue and fulfil those of
the Innocent Victim of Calvary.
But they are birth-pangs; we
may die of them, but we have not
the right not to bless the present
hour and to take up with rejoic-
ing the task before us. The peace
which St. Francis preached was
not peace at any price, peace as
an end in itself. Like many
others before him, he repeated
"Righteousness and Peace have
kissed each other"—Righteous-
ness first and then peace. There
is no true or lasting peace that is
not based on justice. He did not
beg the people of Perugia no
longer to make war on Assisi. He
began by fighting them; and later
on, at the end of his life, he did
not preach peace to these same
people, but told them that the
wrongs they had committed
would be avenged.

At the suggestion of Dr.
Clifford the letter was reprinted
in pamphlet form. Since 1919
M. Sabatier had been Professor of
Protestant Theology at Stras-
bourg.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

PRESENTATION OF
COLOURS.

SUNDAY'S CEREMONY.

The following orders have been
issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird,
D.S.O., Commandant:—

Colours.
The Corps will parade as strong
as possible in four Companies at
Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m.
on Sunday, May 6, 1928.

No. 1 Company:—Under com-
mand of Captain T. Addis Martin,
Mounted Infantry, Armoured Car
Companies and men of Reserve
Company having leather equipment.
Dress: Khaki jacket, medals,
shorts, helmet, boots, puttees, hose-
tops, bandolier, belt, rifle and
bayonet.

No. 2 Company:—Under com-
mand of Captain S. J. Jordan,
M.C., composed of the Engineer
Company, Corps Signals, Infantry
Company, and men of Reserve Com-
pany having web equipment.
Dress: As for No. 1 Company,
but with belt, rifle and bayonet
only (no bandoliers).

No. 3 Company:—Under com-
mand of Captain K. S. Morrison,
composed of Scottish Company and
Scottish Reserve.
Dress: Review order, helmets
will be worn.

No. 4 Company:—Under com-
mand of Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C.,
M.M., Portuguese Company.
Dress: As for No. 2 Company.
Companies will be sized as for
ceremonial.

Scottish Company will provide 4
Drummers with side drums.
Attention of all is drawn to In-
fantry Training Vol. I. Chap. 14,
Sec. 204.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, May 4,
between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2
and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on
Saturday, May 5, between 9 a.m.
and 1 p.m.

Efficiency Cup.
The Efficiency Cup for the Train-
ing Season of 1927 has been won by
The Battery.

The Commandant offers his con-
gratulations to Captain T. Addis
Martin, and to his Battery for win-
ning the Cup.

Musketry.
Sunday, May 13, 1928.

The Engineer Company (Field
and Lights Sections), and Corps
Signals who have not yet fired Part
I. Table "T," this season are re-
quested to attend at Stonecutters,
on Sunday, May 13, Range Of-
ficer: Lieut. M. G. Noll.

Officers' Mess Meeting.
There will be a Mess Meeting at
6.15 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 1928.
All available officers will please
attend.

Dress.
With reference Command Order
No. 1870 para. 7 dated May 1,
1928, Summer Mess Dress will be
taken into use forthwith.

Mounted Infantry Co.
Parade at the Stables at 5.45 p.m.
on Thursday, May 10, 1928. Dress:
Plain clothes.

Scottish Company.
All Ranks are reminded to
parade at Volunteer Headquarters
at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 6, for
Presentation of Colours.

Full strength parade is essential
on this occasion.
Dress: Review order, helmets.

Strength.
The following recruit is taken on
the strength on April 26, 1928, and
posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish
Company):—No. 1811 Pte. W. F.
Leckie.

Promotion.
No. 455 Lce.-Corpl. T. C. T. Beck,
M.I. Company, is promoted to Cor-
poral, as from April 28, 1928.

Leave.
Reference Corps Order No. 275
para. 17, dated May 6, 1927, the
resignation of No. 678 Pte. D. A.
Rushton; No. 1 Platoon, is cancel-
led. Leave granted from May 6,
1927, to May 1, 1928.

No. 1044 Pte. E. T. S. Zimmern,
A.C. Co., from April 23 to October
22, 1928.

IRATE FARMER.

SEVERELY TROUNCES AN
M.P.

THREAT OF OPPOSITION.

An instance of farmers' dissatis-
faction with the agricultural policy
of the Government was provided at
a meeting at Newton Toney,
Wiltshire.

Mr. Hugh Morrison, Conserva-
tive M.P. for Salisbury, was vigor-
ously questioned by a farmer,
Mr. J. Spratt, of Charity Farm,
Allington.

Mr. Spratt complained that in
regard to the last two Tithe Bills
the clergy had been favoured at
the expense of the agricultural
community. He asked Mr. Mor-
rison: "Were you in favour of the
last Bill or were you not?"

Mr. Morrison replied: "I had to
vote for it, because it was a Gov-
ernment measure."

Mr. Spratt: "You are quite at
liberty to vote which way you like.
I am asking why you, as the rep-
resentative of an agricultural
constituency, did not vote against
the Bill?"

Mr. Morrison: "If we had not
passed the Act you would be pay-
ing even more than you are now."
Mr. Spratt was not satisfied, and
retorted:—
If you are going to represent
us, and are not going to do all
you can to help us as we de-
serve as an agricultural Indus-
try, it is time we made a change.
I want to be quite candid. If
you are not going to do all you
can to favour us, I for one am
going to do all I can at the next
election to keep you out.

After further argument, Mr.
Morrison promised to write to Mr.
Spratt explaining his attitude in
the matter.

No. 1019 Lce.-Corpl. G. E. Bell,
Signals, from April 27 to October
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* MOJI MARU Sunday, 27th May.

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TOTTORI MARU Wednesday, 9th May.

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CHICAGO MARU Friday, 1st June.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

KASADO MARU Friday, 25th May.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan ports.

ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Thursday, 10th May.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

MENADO MARU Friday, 4th May 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

JAPAN PORTS.

ALTAI MARU Sunday, 13th May.

TACOMA MARU Thursday, 24th May.

HEIYO MARU Friday, 25th May.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

SCOTTISH YARDS.

NEW TONNAGE COMPLETED.

A further improvement took place in shiprepairing on the Clyde in mail week, when most of the larger establishments on the river may be said to have been well employed. So far as new tonnage was concerned the feature was the large number of new vessels which have been completed and handed over to their owners.

The week before, seven or eight vessels were on the measured mile, and then several more carried out speed tests.

At Elderslie Dockyard Messrs. Barclay, Currie and Co. had, among other jobs, a couple of "Donaldson" liners in for repair. The "Gracia" was in the firm's dry dock for damage repairs, while the "Corrientes," which was in Rotheray Dock, had to be fitted with a new rudder. The firm had also in hand the Ellerman liner "City of Cambridge" for deck and engine repairs, and they had completed an overhaul of the Blue Funnel liner "Laertes."

Ellerman Liners Overhauling. At the Clyde Works there were two vessels of the Ellerman Lines undergoing overhaul. The "City of Canton" went in for extensive repairs to her propelling machinery, and the "City of Mobile" for deck and engine repairs. Other jobs at Clyde include some work on the Glasgow steamer "Glenavon" and the London steamer "Marlew."

Messrs. A. Stephen and Sons had at their Govan establishment the steamer "Hollypark," belonging to Messrs. Denholm and Co. A number of deck plates were renewed, and also some general survey work carried out.

Messrs. Henderson had the "British Monarch," of Messrs. Raeburn and Verel's fleet, in their dry dock, while at the firm's wharf in the River Kelvin there a couple of vessels in for overhaul, and in addition two new ships are being fitted out.

Repairing An Oil Tanker. At Govan Messrs. Harland and Wolff put into drydock the oil tanker "Lucigen," on which they had been engaged for some time. A new sternpost and a new rudder are being fitted, and it was expected that the work would occupy some weeks. The "Lucigen" encountered a terrific storm in the Atlantic, in which she lost her rudder and part of her sternpost.

In their fitting out basin at Govan Messrs. Harland and Wolff had two vessels in for repairs. One was the motorship "Pizarro," on which machinery overhaul was being carried out. There was also much activity at the repair works on the lower reaches of the river. At Port Glasgow the Clyde Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. had a couple of steamers on their slip for overhaul. Messrs. Lithgow commenced the overhaul of the coasting steamer "Clymore," having recently completed work on the Campbelltown trader "Dalrinda," the paddle steamer "Isle of Arran" went into the Garvel Dry Dock for annual overhaul, and Messrs. Scott's have had a large yacht in their dry dock at Greenock.

A considerable number of the river passenger steamers underwent overhaul preparatory to the opening of the season. Work on the L.M.S. steamers was carried out at Greenock and on the L. and N.E.R. steamers at Bowling, where the majority of them were laid up for the winter. Apart from the steamers already on service, a number more were put into commission.

New Vessels Fitting Out.

There had been a marked decrease in the number of new vessels fitting out at Glasgow owing to the fact that a good many have been completed. The number of ships on the measured mile in mail week was therefore, exceptionally large. There were such notable vessels as the new Holt motorship "Eurybates," built by Messrs. Scott, of Greenock, and the large oil tank motorship "Victrolite," built by Messrs. Stephen, Glasgow, for the Imperial Oil Ltd.

Speed tests were run by a very interesting vessel which has been completed and will shortly take up service on the East Coast between Leith and London. This is the passenger and cargo steamer "Royal Archer," which has been built by Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. for the London and Edinburgh Shipping Co. It is claimed that the "Royal Archer" is the finest and most up-to-date vessel yet built for the British coasting services.

Among the vessels which were to be completed and go on trial was the large twin screw motorship "El Argentina," which the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. have built for the British and Argentine Steam Navigation Co. This vessel, which was launched at Fairfield in January last, is somewhat similar in size and design to the motorship "Dunster Grange," which the Fairfield Co. built last year for the Houlder Line. Like that vessel, "El Argentina" has been fitted with Sulzer engines constructed by the Fairfield Co., the installation being designed to give 6,400 h.p.

A Motor Ship Group.

The departure from the yards of their respective builders of two large motorships marks the completion of an important group of motor vessels built on the Clyde for the British and African Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Four of the vessels were built by Messrs. A. McMillan and Co.; three of them the "Dunkva," the "Dixcove," and the "Daru," were launched last year; while the last of the group, the "Dagomba," was launched in January, and she has just been completed.

This vessel carried out successful trials. "The vessels have been fitted with Harland-B. and W. Diesel engines made by Messrs. Harland and Wolff at Glasgow. Another motorship, the "Deido," which has also been completed, has left to take up service for her owners. This vessel was built by the Ardrossan Dockyard, Ltd., and her Diesel machinery was supplied by Messrs. Kincaid and Co.

Lighthouse Motorboat.

The Clyde Lighthouse Trustees are having a new motor vessel of handy size built for their special services to the various lighthouses on the Firth of Clyde. It has been found that a boat of this description is essential. The trustees have, of course, their own lighthouse steamer "Torch," but to put out this vessel at all times has been found to be too expensive. An ordinary motorboat was tried, but was found to be unsuitable, and the Trustees therefore decided to have a boat built to suit their special requirements. This vessel is now being constructed under the supervision of the Trust's master of works.

Shiprepairing At Leith.

Henry Robb, Ltd., Leith, had repair work on the following steamers:—"Ayrcro," "Britannia," "Corbank," "Coblentz," "Colinton," "Elgin," "Coast," "Ellind," "Finland," "Flotterston," "Helder," "Helmond," "Kathe," "Lanrick," "Oder," also steam pinnace No. 655.

Messrs. Menzies and Co., Ltd., Leith, had Messrs. Thomson's "Benlomond" in hand in the Imperial Dock, also the Swedish steamer "Femern" in Granton Harbour, but the main work was on the steamers "Pharos" and "Lanrick" the latter vessel being in the Edinburgh Drydock. They had also in hand the "Staffa," "St. Ninian" and "Royal Scott" along with the "Constance," Tod Head and sundry other vessels.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships in port this morning were as follow:—

North wall basin: Wild Swan, Wanderer; South wall basin: Kappel, Onslaught, Veteran; East wall basin: Nossus, Moth, L3, L27; North arm of Dockyard: Titania, Witherington, Wivern; West wall Dock: Francoli; in Dockyard: L15, L19, L20, L33; No. 2 buoy: Wishart; No. 3 buoy: Wolverine; No. 4 buoy: Magnolia; No. 5 buoy: War Krishna; No. 7 buoy: Bruce; No. 8 buoy: Balgol; No. 12 buoy: Marazion; No. 13 buoy: Taranula; No. 18 buoy: Ruthenia; off Fuel Jetty: Khardi.

Foreign warships:—French: Vigilante; Portuguese: Patria; American: Sacramento (at No. 11 buoy) and Pampanga.

"OPIUM" BANANAS.

LARGE QUANTITY OF DRUG CONCEALED IN CRATES.

OFFICER'S DILEMMA.

Prepared non-Government opium amounting to 264 tals and concealed in three crates of bananas, was seized by Revenue Officers on board the "Shiu Hing" junk on her arrival here from Macao. An assistant of a Chinese firm and a cook were arrested and brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday and charged with the possession and importation of the illicit drug. A remand was made until next Monday. C.P.O. Clark applied for the confiscation of the bananas, as it was impossible to keep them in his office because they were going bad. His Worship decided that he could not order the confiscation of the fruit, but directed that it be disposed of to the best advantage and the proceeds retained against the result of the case.

CHANNEL PORTS.

NEW SERVICE TO CANADA.

WHITE STAR ENTERPRISE.

Southampton.—The "Megantic," which sailed from here, inaugurated a new White Star service which should be of great convenience to Canadian-bound passengers from the South and West of England. In order that such passengers may not have to travel North to join the company's steamers, a fortnightly service is to be maintained from the Channel ports to either Halifax or Quebec and Montreal.

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The trip to Canada will cost from £30 for cabin accommodation, £22 5s. or £24 according to the season for tourist third cabin, and £18 15s. third-class. The total passenger capacity is about 1,200.

Since the war the "democratization" of ocean travel has certainly proceeded apace. In 1927 the passengers carried by all the shipping companies in what are called "tourist third cabin" steamers actually doubled the number of the preceding year. The White Star's own fleet of these popular steamers aggregate 350,000 tons.

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NANKIN	7,058	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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TAKADA	8,949	7th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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RAIPUTANA	16,568	20th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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every year. The scene is the docks
at Southampton. The time about
midday. The grey curtain of mist
parts and suddenly there looms up
the vast outline of a great ship.

Slowly and silently she comes.
Two tugs fuss ahead of her, other-
wise there is no sound. No sirens
blowing, or whistles shrilling, no
shouting or clamour.

The black hull rises sheer. Here
and there a white smudge in its
darkness—a face at a porthole.
Higher still, where the white decks
rise one above another like moun-
tain terraces, tiny figures are just
discernible at the rail.

A rope is flung down, wriggling
and writhing like a live thing. It
is caught and made secure. Lilli-
putian hands have bound this
monster and lilliputian figures
are swarming over her. Then, and
not until then, does the
siren sound, telling the world that
the "Majestic," the largest
ship afloat, has docked. In a minute
the message is humming along the
wires to London and Liver-
pool.

It is flung into space, back across
the grey Atlantic to New York, and
high up on the bridge a man drops
from his shoulders the burden of
an immense responsibility, and the
greatest autocrat in the world be-
comes an ordinary man looking
forward to home and a short, well-
earned rest.

Man Whose Word is Law.

In these days of democracy there
is only one place where autocracy
remains. On the high seas the
master of a vessel has absolute
control of his world. Beyond him
there is no higher appeal, his word
is indisputable law.

Yet any one less autocratic than
Captain George Metcalfe, the com-
mander of the "Majestic," it would
be hard to find. This man with the
steady eyes, the strong, weather-
beaten face, and the slow smile, is
the typical sailor. A Yorkshire-
man by birth, he has commanded in
turn the "Majestic's" seven large
sister ships. He bears out the
saying that the successful man is
the man whose work is his hobby.

"Ships are my hobby," says
Captain Metcalfe.

I asked him to tell me about a
typical day in his life—what he did
from the first thing in the morning
until night. He looked puzzled.

"But I don't have a day," he
said.

"I am never for a moment off
duty—not for one moment out of
the twenty-four hours."

"But to-day, for instance?" I
persisted.

"Well! I've been on the bridge
for the last eighteen hours. I am
entirely responsible for the naviga-
tion of the ship, and when she is
in narrow channels I am on the
bridge most of the time.

"No, I don't get much sleep; in
fact it is rare for me to have an
undisturbed night. Important wire-
less messages are always brought
to me immediately they are received,
no matter what the time.

"In any case, I am always called
at five, when I look through all
messages received during the night.

At midday I set the course for the
next twenty-four hours—usually
about six hundred miles. Of course
the ship is inspected every day, and
in smaller vessels this is done by
the captain, but the "Majestic" and
"Olympic" have assistant com-
manders who take this over. It's a
pretty lengthy business," he
added, smiling.

When it is remembered that the
"Majestic" carries a crew of eleven
hundred, and that a complete tour
of the ship involves a walk of nine
miles, this is not surprising.

"I can't manage the time for
service on Sunday either," con-
tinued Captain Metcalfe. "The
doctor or the purser takes my
place. The doctor makes a splen-
did person, I find."

"Have you had any really excit-
ing trips?" I asked. "No," was
the laughing reply, and with true
naïveté he added, "touching wood," and rapped the
table as he spoke.

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perience, he must also be a ruler of
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of," said Captain Metcalfe. "If the
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is drinking too heavily I have to
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error of his ways, and sometimes
curtail his drinks for the rest of
the voyage."

Captain Metcalfe mentioned the
ill-fated Atlantic liner, "Mrs.
Grayson," he said, "sat at my
table one trip. I warned her. I
begged her not to attempt the
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lot about an aeroplane, but
nothing at all about winds and
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Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Sun., 6th May at 7 a.m.
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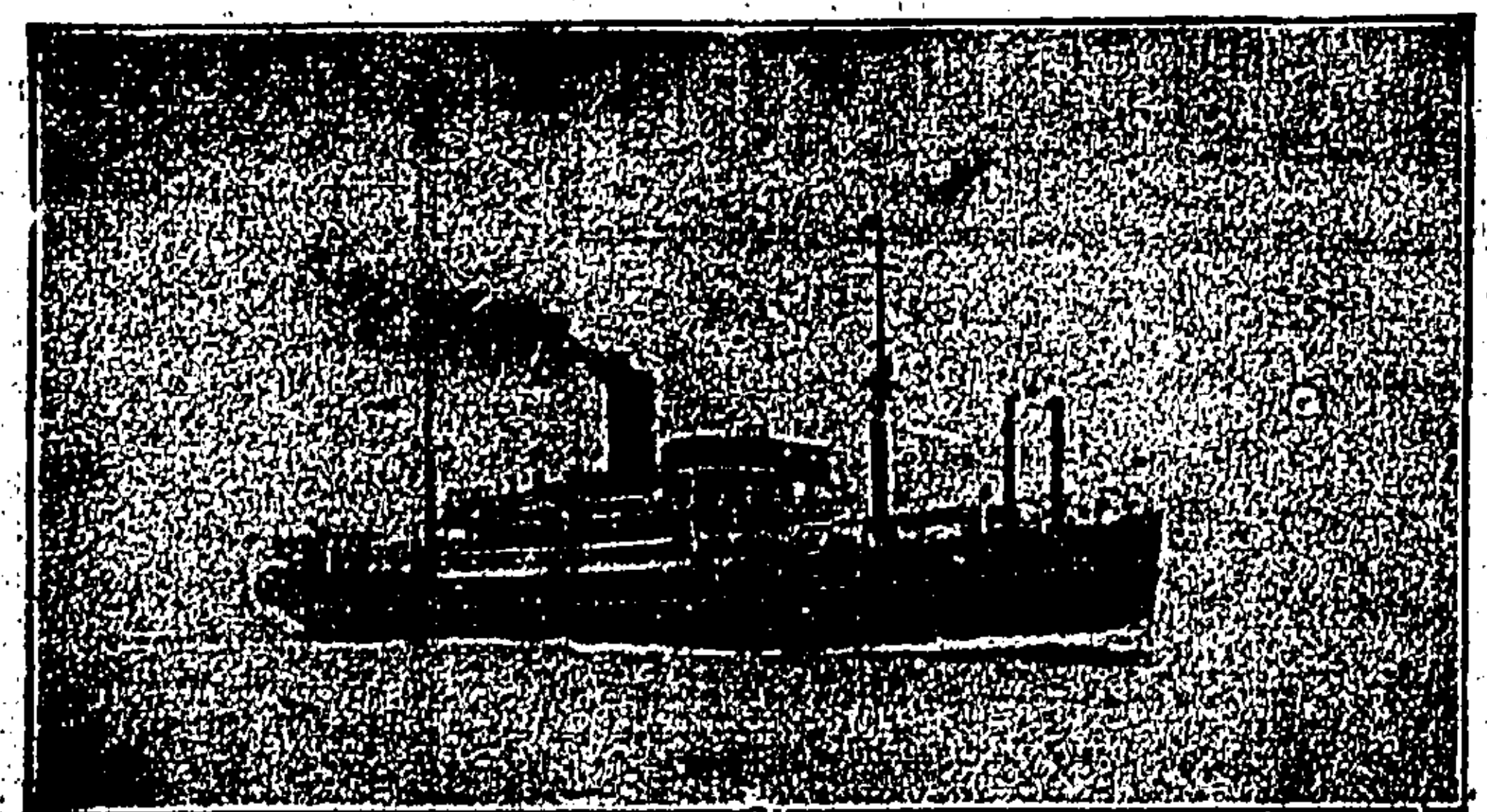
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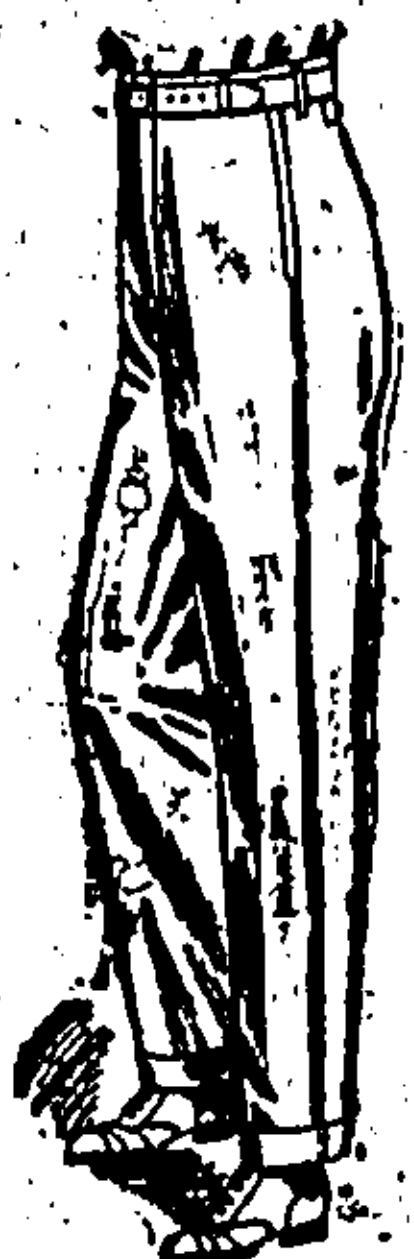
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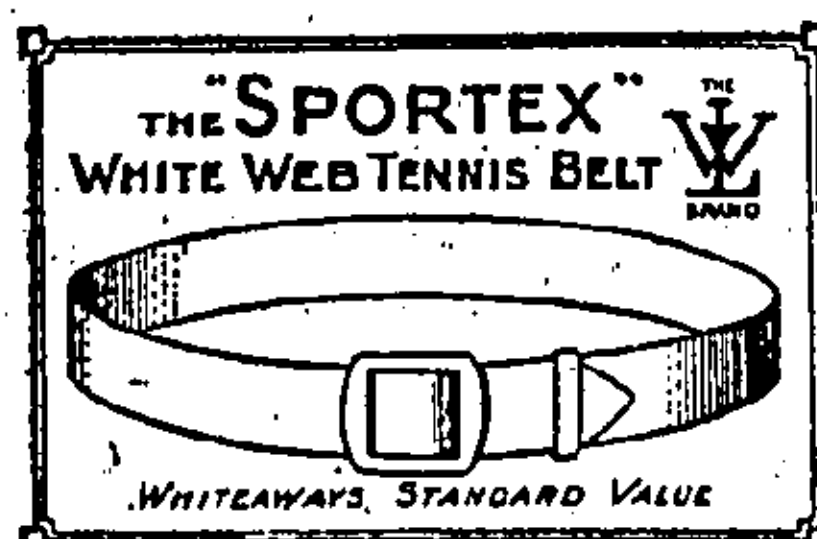


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DEATHS.

CUTHBERTSON.—On March 31,
at 8, Devonshire-place, W.I.,
Thomas Cuthbertson (late of
Singapore), husband of Mag-
dalene Lowe Cuthbertson, in
his 81st year.

McCLURE.—On March 27, Andrew
Johnstone McClure, Clairmont,
Lockerbie (late of Kobe),
second son of the late William
McClure, J.P., Bank Agent,
Lockerbie.

Hong Kong, Friday, May 4, 1928.

TRADE WITH CANTON.

The attention of the "China Mail" has been drawn to a feeling of pessimism, among one or more sections in the Colony, in regard to the vital matter of trade with Canton, the province of Kwangtung and the southern part of China in general. First of all, it does not require expert knowledge to say that conditions are becoming worse than they were. Since the beginning of the year, there have been dozens of annual meetings of public companies. Reviews of Hong Kong trade were given, in some relation to Canton. And in very few, if any, was it stated that the volume of trade has been less than in the year before. This is very encouraging even if it is not an emphatic answer to the pessimists. However, analysis will show that the present state of affairs is by no means discouraging. Even in normal years—and it might be said even in boom times—this season is not the busy one. The

masses do not need to lay in large stocks between now and the next festival which, incidentally, falls on the fifth day of the fifth moon, that of the Dragon Boat, on the 22nd of June. Shopkeepers have made commitments for their summer needs and it may perhaps be too soon to buy for next winter.

There has been no material setback since the sudden appreciation in the value of Canton banknotes and Nationalist securities brought about by the interchange of official visits in March. The feeling of temporary depression during the absence of Marshal Li Chai-sum at Nanking and Shanghai has passed. Trade between Hong Kong and Canton to-day cannot be as bad as during and immediately after the Red riots in Canton city in December. In fact, we could go on and point to other periods since the boycott was lifted in October, 1926, when the turnover in business was smaller than it is now. The trouble at the moment is that difficulties are in the way of moving merchandise to and from the interior. Taxes piled on the people for some considerable time have had mischievous effect. Peasants and small farmers, embittered by the levies, have either joined the Communist movement or become bandits. The number who have done so is by no means small and these men constitute a serious obstacle to trade.

Piracy and brigandage have also deterred the merchants. But neither pirates nor robbers have yet devised means of throttling trade which, in any event, provides them with plunder. Not a great deal has been done by the authorities to curb these chronic evils. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. A still greater danger—the prospect of war—can be said to be entirely absent. Although the provincial paper currency has not been restored to parity, it is not worth less than when Marshal Li Chai-sum returned from Shanghai. There is no cause to doubt Marshal Li's promise that the note issue will be redeemed and, as far as can be seen, the steps laid down for redemption are still being carried out. Time is needed. Each day that Marshal Li's government remains in power means an addition, however infinitesimal, to provincial stability. When the situation warrants, the burden of thirty million persons in Kwangtung will be lightened. Then the masses will have more to spend and, it is hoped, prosperity will set in. That is going some dis-

Soviet's Latest Outburst.

It is of course no new thing for the Russians to vent their spleen against the British, but their latest outburst is of such an extraordinary nature that it is difficult to read it and at the same time refrain from smiling at its childishness. According to a telegram sent by Reuter a day or two ago, certain organs of the Soviet Press appear to have been delivering themselves of remarkable obiter dicta on the occasion of the visit of Afghanistan's ruler to their ultra-modern country. First of all reference is made to Britain as the "arch-robber"—and this from Russians who at the present moment still retain an immense amount of treasure and property of various kinds belonging to those foreigners who escaped from Russia at the time when the Soviet was first formed! No country has ever been so ruthless in such disgraceful spoliation. Besides such barefaced robbery, Soviet Russia continues to repudiate money entrusted to Russian Governments in the shape of loans sent to help them in their hour of need. Other countries besides Russia have repudiated their currency obligations, but none has done so in such a deceitful manner as has Soviet Russia, who deluged the world with worthless notes well knowing that they never would if ever they could put matters in that respect right when they were so hopelessly wrong. The Soviet are indeed the last body that should refer to any other as being an "arch-robber." We British hold to what we have won, not for personal benefit, individually or collectively, but so that all who have come within the orbit of the Empire may participate in its prosperity and glory, broadbased upon truth, justice and righteousness. But what can those people who argue that all are equal and that the Russian peasant is as good as his Soviet master know of such sentiments? If the Russian peasant is as good as his self-appointed leaders why then have a Soviet or a government of any kind? Nobody knew better than Lenin, Trotsky & Co. and nobody knows better than their Soviet successors the wide divergences there are between all sorts and conditions of men and women. And according to Soviet Russia the British have been and still are endeavouring "to make Soviet Russia a British colony." Consequently, Britain is "a land of tyrants" and "we (Soviet Russia) are a land of the free!" Afghanistan's royal visitors will certainly be very highly entertained if, while in Russia, they hear such ideas regarding England, whose hospitable and cultured cities, they so recently were delighted to visit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FERRY SERVICE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—May I trespass upon your valuable paper in connection with the above subject.

I understand that there is a scheme on foot for re-organising the Ferry service with the neighbouring islands such as Cheung Chow, Ching E etc.

If this is correct, I would like to draw the attention of the Authorities that the Island of Ping Chow should be included in the scheme. There is a good number of inhabitants and the place is a lime producing centre. At present there is no means for Hong Kong people to make a visit there and return to Hong Kong the same day. If any investor wishes to inspect land or negotiate any other business there he has to go by a special launch, which is not a very safe course to take.

If the ferry, either to Cheung Chau or Ching E Islands, can be made to call at Ping Chow once in the forenoon on its way from Hong Kong and again in the afternoon on its way back to Hong Kong, it will enable prospective people to make a visit and return to Hong Kong the same day. If this can be arranged it will enable the Police to pay more frequent visits and will surely to increase the prosperity of the Island.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours, etc.,
PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR.
Hong Kong, May 3, 1928.

SEEING "RED."

THE BOLSHEVIZING OF CHINA.

COMMUNIST DOCUMENT.

Hints on how to make China see Red are contained in what is described as "minutes of the Executive Committee of the Communist 3rd Internationale"—and also important schemes for Bolshevizing China. Following is a translation of the document from the "Wah Tze Yat Po" of April 2:—

The resolutions made as regards China at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Communist 3rd Internationale held in Moscow during the session from February 2 to 25 were published in Moscow on February 28. They are as follows:—

1.—The present revolutionary movements in China are only the democratic revolutionary movements of the capitalists class. The Chinese Communists should guide such democratic revolutionary movements into the path of the Communist Revolution.

2.—The first revolutionary movement of the workmen and peasants under the direction of the Chinese Communists has failed, and the anti-revolutionists are thus in safety for the time being. The capitalist class has allied with the reactionary armies at home and has come to friendly terms with the Imperialists abroad. Such reactionary elements are not only against the Chinese Revolution but are also against the Communist Party.

3.—Though we have not seen in China any all-China Mass revolutionary movements, yet the development of the peasant movements in various districts and the frequent mutinies among the troops are signs that China is entering upon a Peasants' and Workmen's Revolution.

4.—Attention should be paid to the Chinese revolutionary movements, since they vary in progress in different places. At present in many districts peasants movements have made some progress, while labour movements have received a setback.

"The Existing Government Must Be Overthrown."

5.—The Communist 3rd Internationale should work hard to proceed with the new revolutionary movements of the Chinese Communists. In order to achieve their end, the existing Government must be overthrown, otherwise our object will never be realised. Therefore we must guide the masses, win popularity among the workmen and peasants and train them with political knowledge. The following slogans should be taught:—

Confiscate the lands of the landlords!

Enforce the 8-hour day system! Overthrow the present Government!

Adopt a despotic Soviet organisation of the Peasants! The Chinese Masses should be united and made to resort to outrages.

Working Up Outrages.

7.—No outrage can be promoted in any village or city, unless a hot-bed has been created for it. Without this any revolutionary movement will fail. Therefore no peasant movements can be successfully promoted in any city, where no revolutionary movements have taken place, though it be a centre of Communist movements. The Communists should carry out a peasants' revolution in villages where a Soviet has been organised and should organise Red Guards, which should then gradually be consolidated into an All-China Red Army.

8.—In order to develop the revolutionary movements, the organisation of the Chinese Communist Party must be strengthened. Although the Chinese Communists have mended their ways, yet they still do not well understand the present state of affairs, and there is still much hesitation and doubt among the troops.

10.—The Chinese Communist Party, in view of what they experienced last time in Kwangtung, should not fail to make a change in their method of directing the revolutionary movements in China. Though the outrages in Kwangtung failed, they form a good example for brave revolutionary movements for the establishment of a Soviet China.

Rage At Revolution Failure.

11.—The various branches of the Communist 3rd Internationale in various countries should not fail to repudiate the "rumour spread by various reactionaries that the Chinese Revolution has come to an end. Such vile rumours are the intrigues of the Imperialists with a view to preventing the peasant movements developing into a revolution. All branches in the various countries should support the Chinese Communist Party, while those that exist in Imperialist countries should take steps to get the naval and military forces of their respective countries withdrawn from China.

ON SUNDAY.

GOVERNOR IN TWO CEREMONIES.

CHINESE & VOLUNTEERS.

H.E. the Governor will be concerned in two important ceremonies on Sunday. These are the unveiling of the Chinese War Memorial erected in the Public Gardens by the Imperial War Graves Commission and the presentation of Colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The following will be the procedure for the unveiling of the Chinese War Memorial by His Excellency:—

His Excellency will arrive at the Public Gardens at 9 a.m., being received with the Royal Salute from a Guard of Honour provided by the Chinese Portion of 40th (Fortress) Company of the Royal Engineers. The Guard of Honour will be inspected by the Governor who will then give an address to the assembly.

The unveiling of the Memorial by His Excellency will then follow, after which the "Last Post" will be sounded by Buglers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers followed by the "Reveille."

This will conclude the proceedings.

Presentation of Colours.

Immediately after the above event the presentation of Colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps by His Excellency the Governor will take place, the ceremony being timed for 9.30 on the Murray Parade Ground.

The Corps will be drawn up in line facing the match stand and on the arrival of His Excellency the Royal Salute will be given. The Corps will then form three sides of a square, the drums being placed in the centre and the colours (cased) placed against them.

The Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria will then consecrate the Colours.

The Colours will be presented to the Senior Subalterns of the Infantry and Scottish Companies, by His Excellency, who will then address the Corps.

After the Corps has reformed line, the Colour party will march in slow time to their post in the ranks, the band playing the National Anthem and the Corps giving the General Salute.

The Corps will then march past by Companies and afterwards advance in review order.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., the match stand on Murray Parade Ground will be available for spectators and will be reserved for ladies who subscribed to the H.K.V.D.C. Colour Fund, families of members of the Corps, Officers of His Majesty's Forces and their families.

The presence of the ladies at Volunteer Headquarters after the ceremony will be welcomed by the Commandant and all ranks of the Corps.

MR. C. G. S. MACKIE.

NOW MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, managing-director of Messrs. Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd., being the only nomination as representative of the J. P.'s on the Legislative Council, becomes automatically a member of Council. The vacancy was created by the appointment of Sir Henry Pollock to act as Attorney-General during the absence on leave of Sir Joseph Kemp.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie was proposed by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Chief Manager of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, and seconded by Mr. D. F. Belth, the Manager of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.

1. The average depth of the ocean?
2. How much material was removed in the building of the Panama Canal?
3. When the Kimberley diamond fields were discovered?
4. What and where Dunkirk is?
5. What animals have no eyelids?
6. The name of Grace Darling's lighthouse?

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MISS MACKAY.

WHY FLIGHT WAS KEPT SECRET.

TO AVOID GIVING PAIN.

London, March 24. Nearly a fortnight has passed without any news of Miss Elsie Mackay and Captain Hinchliffe, who left Cranwell Aerodrome, Lincolnshire, on March 13 to fly the Atlantic in their aeroplane Endeavour, and little hope is now held out by their friends of their being alive.

Miss Mackay is mourned deeply not only by her family and large circle of acquaintances, but also by her father's retainers, and she is missed, too, by the many animals she owned and loved. One of her intimate friends said yesterday:

Few people realise what a wonderful character Elsie had. Her friends called her the fairy god-mother. She had a heart of gold, and spent her life in trying to help others and in being kind to animals. When she left London at Christmas time for her father's seat, Glenapp Castle, Ballantrae, Ayrshire, she took with her more than 1,000 presents for the people of the estate.

Elsie adored animals. Her great friends were her dogs. Her favourite was Rumpie, a cross between an Aberdeen terrier and a pug. Rumpie always went to Cranwell with Elsie. Duff, a big mastiff, was her second favourite. Whenever a coal cart stopped outside her home in Seamore-place, Mayfair, W., Elsie would run out with an apple for the horse.

For Britain's Benefit.

Some of Miss Mackay's most recent letters illustrate her motives in making the flight. In October she wrote:

I want to finance an Atlantic flight and go myself. I want to do something that is going to benefit Britain and British aviation, and if I could do this without my name appearing I should be delighted.

She declared that she would like to be able to land in Hyde Park upon her return so that she could arouse a greater national interest in aviation.

Her friends declare that she trusted Captain Hinchliffe's skill and judgment implicitly. On the Monday night before she left for Cranwell, whence she was to depart in the morning, she wrote:

Captain Hinchliffe has told me that we can leave in the morning, and by the time you get this, we shall be well away. I know we shall get there!

"The only reason why Elsie kept such close secrecy about her intentions," her friend added yesterday, "was her unselfishness. She did not want to give any pain."

OFFICER'S DEATH.

RIFLE ACCIDENT AT DOVER.

Dover.—A verdict that he "died of gunshot wounds caused by the accidental discharge of a rifle" was recorded at the inquest on Lieutenant George Stanley Stapleton, 1st Lincolnshire Regiment, stationed at Dover, who was found shot in his room at the Castle.

His father, Captain A. Stapleton, Quartermaster of the depot of the Lincolnshire Regiment at Lincoln, said his son was 20 years of age, and wrote home cheerful letters every week. So far as he knew he had no troubles of any kind.

Lieutenant R. Harvest spoke to seeing Stapleton with a rifle in his hand and playing about with the bolt. He said to witness: "It is all right." It was quite probable that he was practising at the time, as he was going in for a musketry examination. He was in his pyjamas and dressing gown waiting for his bath when the tragedy occurred.

Stapleton's servant spoke to hearing the report of a rifle and on going to his room found him falling over on his left side.

Lieutenant Genders, a close friend of Stapleton, said he did not know of his having any private troubles of any kind. He was very popular and got on well with the regiment.

Captain Eager, commanding "B" Company, Lincolnshire Regiment, stated that it was absolutely against regulations for Stapleton to have live rounds of ammunition in his quarters, but he was entitled to have a rifle.

One day when unexpected company came to dinner, little Betty was told privately that she and mother would have to have oyster soup without the oysters. The child was flattered at her share in this sacrifice to hospitality, and apparently disappointed when she found one small oyster in her portion. Holding it up on the spoon, she inquired in a stage whisper: "Mother, shouldn't Mrs. Smith have this oyster, too?"

DRAMATIC SUICIDE.

HUSBAND'S REQUEST: "SHOOT ME."

TRAGEDY OF THREE.

New York.—In the presence of her husband, a motor-cycle policeman named Thomas Weeks, and a male companion, Mrs. Anna Weeks killed herself after Weeks had handed her his service revolver, with a request that she should kill him. The tragedy was witnessed by their little son, 6 years of age, who was sitting on the lap of Jane Cuthbert, a friend of Mrs. Weeks.

Weeks and his wife were residents of Brooklyn, and were married eleven years ago, but quarrelled recently and separated. The other night the husband drove to his wife's apartment with the object of attempting to effect a reconciliation, but she was not at home. When she arrived she was escorted by a man, and when the policeman protested there was a heated argument.

Finally Weeks unbuckled his revolver and handed it to his wife, with the remark, "Here, Anna, shoot me. I am in your way. I am keeping you from being happy. Let's end it."

The wife took the weapon and fumbled with it for a moment, while the husband and the other man looked on silently. Then, with a quick gesture and her eyes on her husband, she turned the revolver to her own breast, pulled the trigger, and fell dead.

RICH MAN'S WILL.

MILLIONAIRE BREWER'S BEQUEST AND LEGACIES.

Mr. Edwin Pope, Mentone Lodge, Dorchester, a director of Eldridge, Pope, and Co. Ltd., the Dorchester Brewery, who died in January, aged 83 years, left estate of the gross value of £1,491,994, with net personalty £1,462,015.

The duties on the property at this valuation and according to the dispositions of the will, will amount to about £530,000.

His bequests included: £5,000 to the Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, upon trust for investment and to apply the income in some distinctive charitable purpose in connection with the institution.

£1,000 to the incumbent and churchwardens of each of the following five parishes: Holy Trinity, Dorchester; St. Peter; Dorchester; All Saints, Dorchester; Fordington St. George; and West Fordington, near Dorchester, for "Edwin Pope's Gifts," upon trust for investment, and to apply the income in the purchase of coal for distribution amongst the deserving poor of the parishes in December of each year, as the incumbents and churchwardens may select, without distinction of creed.

£1,000 to the Mill-street, Fordington, Mission, upon trust for investment, and to apply the income from £500 for some distinctive charitable purpose in connection with the mission, and from £500 for the general charitable purposes of the mission.

£1,000 to his trustees upon trust for investment, and to apply the income for a tea, with suitable refreshments, on Aug. 23 in each year, for children aged from 7 to 13 years, of poor and deserving persons resident in Dorchester, and which children have been in attendance at one of the public elementary schools in Dorchester for the six months preceding.

£1,000 to the directors of Eldridge, Pope, and Co. Ltd. upon trust for investment, and to apply the income in providing annually on Aug. 23 a dinner, to which all members of the staff and all workmen in the service of that company, and resident in Dorchester, are to be invited; and if there should not be sufficient of them to warrant the full expenditure of the income in any year, the directors are to invite others to make up a sufficient number.

To each member of the staff of the company (including travellers and district managers) and each of the workmen in the service of the company at his decease, if of twelve months' service, one month's wages.

To each of his female domestic servants in his service at his decease and not under notice, if of six months' service, one month's wages, and suitable mourning, in the discretion of his trustees.

£200 to his groom, Charles Shiner; if still in his service and not under notice, and 10s. per week for life to his former gardener, Fred Solman.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Sourabaya on account of plague have been removed.

INDIA'S ARMY.

LATEST VIEWS OF CRITICS OF THE SCHEME.

SIR W. BIRDWOOD'S REPLY.

New Delhi.—In the course of the discussion on the Budget in the Council of State, Mr. Alma Latifi expressed the deep gratitude of the Punjab in respect of Sir Basil Blackett's finance policy, by relieving the province of contributions to the Central Government it had brought to the districts of the province amenities which had not been hitherto enjoyed.

In strongly combating the pessimistic accusations of neglect launched by the Swarajist. Mr. Lokenath Mukherjee, Mr. Latifi told the story of an occurrence in his own division of the Punjab, where, five years ago, a distracted father sought from sunrise to sundown for medical relief for his sick child. Now, owing to the extension of the local dispensary system, a man could find such relief within ten miles, and soon he would be able to find it within four miles.

Sir Pheroz Sethna paid a tribute to Sir Basil Blackett's management of the finances, but criticised the rupee ratio and the Reserve Bank policy, the effect of which, he said, would be known in two years from now. Sir Pheroz Sethna strongly condemned what he termed to be the absolute turning-down of the unanimous report of Sir Andrew Skeen's Committee.

Sir W. Birdwood's Reply. Sir William Birdwood, the Commander-in-Chief, in a brief and most effective speech, combated the view that the proposals of Sir Andrew Skeen's Committee had been turned down absolutely. Sir William said:—

Lord Rawlinson held that it was impossible to judge of the fitness of Indians for military command except by the eight per unit system, which must have a full and fair trial. The Government were unable to fix the date for the creation of an Indian Sandhurst until they were certain that the numbers of Indian cadets qualifying justified the step. Now, although they sent ten boys each year to Sandhurst, they were unable to fill ten vacant commissions.

Replying to the suggestion that a "fifty-fifty" plan of Indianisation, as prescribed for the Civil Services, could be applied to the army, Sir William Birdwood strongly disagreed. If such a plan produced inefficiency in the Civil Service rectification was possible, but no such rectification was possible with the army, with which risks could not be taken. As the American said of the revolver, so he said of the army: "You only want it once, but you want it darned good."

Dealing with complaints made by Mr. Jinnah and Sir Pheroz Sethna that the report of their sub-committee was not published, Sir William said that the report was based on the evidence given by officers by courtesy of the War Office, which desired that the evidence should be treated as confidential. The report, moreover, contained personalities which he very much disliked, and of which the publication could do no good.

Sir Basil Blackett, in his valedictory speech, winding up the debate, expressed amazement that the Government's proposals for the Indianisation of the army, going so far as they did, and being so generous, should have met with such carping criticism. Looking to the future, he declared that India's financial future was bright provided practical principles were applied, and one step at a time was regarded as satisfactory instead of six.

NAVAL EPIC.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE BIG FILM.

Neither trouble nor expense was spared in making the famous British naval film, "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands," which is the big attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. To obtain effective shell explosions and gun discharges, elaborate tests and experiments were carried out in conjunction with Messrs. Brook, the fireworks and explosives experts. Depth charges detonated by electricity, and throwing columns of water into the air, represented shells falling into the sea. Smoke bombs gave effects of discharges of hits. For the sea scenes in the Mediterranean 80 tons of explosives were taken to Malta. Over 35 ships, including the mighty super-dreadnought, "Barham," were employed in making the picture, which is without question the greatest naval spectacle ever screened.

"HOTEL" DIVORCES.

PRETENCE OF MISCONDUCT IN MANY CASES.

LEGAL VIEWS.

Should the divorce judges henceforth pursue the stricter method of dealing with what are known as "hotel divorce cases," indicated by the President recently, the effect will by-and-by be seen in the divorce statistics, writes a legal correspondent. It is notorious that a very large proportion of divorce suits are stage-managed in the preliminary steps, and are designed more for the relief of the guilty than of the injured and innocent. Not very long ago Mr. Justice Swift, when trying matrimonial suits at Assizes, remarked that half the divorce cases nowadays are brought by the guilty party—that is to say, he or she wrote to the injured and deserted spouse, stating that upon inquiry ample evidence would be found at some hotel of a clandestine stay there with some person unknown, and accompanying this would be a hotel bill for two persons. Manifestly such cases are, as the judge described them, a "perfect farce," unless amply substantiated.

In these "hotel" cases a good deal goes by inference, and up to recent years the inference was far too often drawn and acted upon that, because two people of opposite sexes occupied one bedroom for a few hours, there must necessarily have been misconduct. This inference was sometimes drawn in the rather less suspicious circumstance that there were two bed-rooms with a communicating door.

A Respondent's Admission.

An example occurred a few years ago in a remarkable undefended suit, in which a well-known public man, anxious to be divorced, was the respondent. The wife obtained her decree nisi, and immediately after it was made absolute the respondent wrote to the newspapers in order to point out the absurdity of the divorce laws, declaring that, although the two rooms were occupied by himself and the co-respondent, the communicating door was locked, and never opened all night, and no misconduct had actually taken place.

So far from there being any evidence of a chambermaid or a waiter, or the finding of the proverbial hairpin, to controvert this explanation, there were several other circumstances which seemed to establish its correctness. It is the weakness of such cases that has caused the judges more recently to hesitate before basing inference on such bare and unconvincing circumstances as those mentioned.

The matter is one in which the proprietors and managers of well-conducted hotels are entitled to be considered. They quite naturally resent their establishments being used for the manufacture of bogus divorce cases, and themselves, or their servants, being dragged into the unsavoury atmosphere of the divorce courts.

ON A 'BLUE FUNNEL.'

MONKEY TRICKS IN ZOO SHIP.

ORANG-OUTANG'S ANTICS.

Three orang-outangs which with various other denizens of the wild, reached London in the Blue Funnel steamer "Perseus," enlivened the voyage from Singapore by their "monkey-tricks."

"Berthed" in the fore-cabin with a short-tempered black panther, a mirthless hyena, a homesick tapir, two wild cats (true to name), two sea-sick storks, eighteen flamingoes, and hundreds of Java sparrows (all, of course, in cages, considerably placed apart from one another), they quickly decided that their shipmates needed cheering up.

Their chance came when they discovered that the Java sparrows were being carried as fresh meat for the wild cats.

One day the men in charge of the two were astonished to see a small flock of the sparrows flying round and round the ship. A watch was kept, and one of the orang-outangs—known as "Old Soldier"—was seen to squeeze himself out of his cage, slip across to a bamboo basket containing sparrows, and attempt to undo the fastenings. Surprised in the act, he dashed back to his cage and put on an air of innocence personified.

A few days later "Old Soldier" was seen roaming the decks and there began a great chase. He was cornered in an alley-way. Soon afterwards the other orang-outangs were caught "out of bounds" aft.

The tapir died of his homesickness just as the ship reached London.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands."

To-day—Dance, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "The White Rose."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Hell Bent For Heaven."

To-day—Quarry Bay Dance, at 7.30 p.m.

May 6—Music, Cheer 'O Y.C.M.A., at 7.30 p.m.

Sports.

May 5—H.K. Jockey Club fourth extra race meeting.

May 13—Eight extra race meeting of the I.R.R.C., Macao.

Lammerts' Auction.

May 8—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

May 9—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sales.

May 7—Two lots of Crown land at Lai Chi Kok and Kowloon City, respectively, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 6 p.m.

May 14—Annual meeting of the H.K. Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society, at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 25—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Exhibition of pictures, pastel and water-colours, at Messrs. Komor & Komors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 7—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Ore's pupils in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

November 13—Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local exams. at the Hong Kong University.

May 14—Opening of a new class for beginners in Chinese Language school, in Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 6.15-6.15 p.m.

Tennis Racquets

Tennis Balls

Racquet Presses

Racquet Holders

Racquet Covers

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ASIATIC BUILDING.

PATHETIC STORY.

STORY OF ILL-HEALTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

PUBLIC GENEROSITY.

Mr. H. C. A. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, announced that he had received many letters containing money for Charles Good-year, the ex-soldier, whose serious plight had been reported. Good-year was brought before Mr. Hay Halkett and charged with loitering at Malda-vale with intent to commit a felony, and with obtaining 35s. by fraud.

"I can say nothing about the case," added the magistrate, "because it was not before me, but having received all these letters containing cheques and postal orders, I wish to thank the public for their generosity and the Press for making the case known. All these letters will be acknowledged, of course, and properly dealt with."

Goodyear, a young cabinet-maker, with a wife and two children, living in one room at Lad-broke-crescent, North Kensington, was said to have travelled all over England and Wales in a vain search for work. His disability, he said, seemed dead against him.

According to the police he had been operated on thirteen times for war wounds. His pension had been reduced from 16s. to 8s. a week, and a visit to his room after his arrest showed that he had no food and that all his wife had was 2d.

The night before he appeared before the magistrate he had kept vigil at the bedside of one of his children who was said to be dying from bronchial pneumonia, in St. Mary Abbot's Hospital.

In the early days of the World War the officer in charge of a British post, deep in the heart of Africa, received a wireless message from his chief:

"War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district." A few days later the chief received this communication:—"Have arrested seven Germans, three Belgians, four Spaniards, five Frenchmen, a couple of Swedes, an Argentinean, and an American. Please inform me whom we are at war with."

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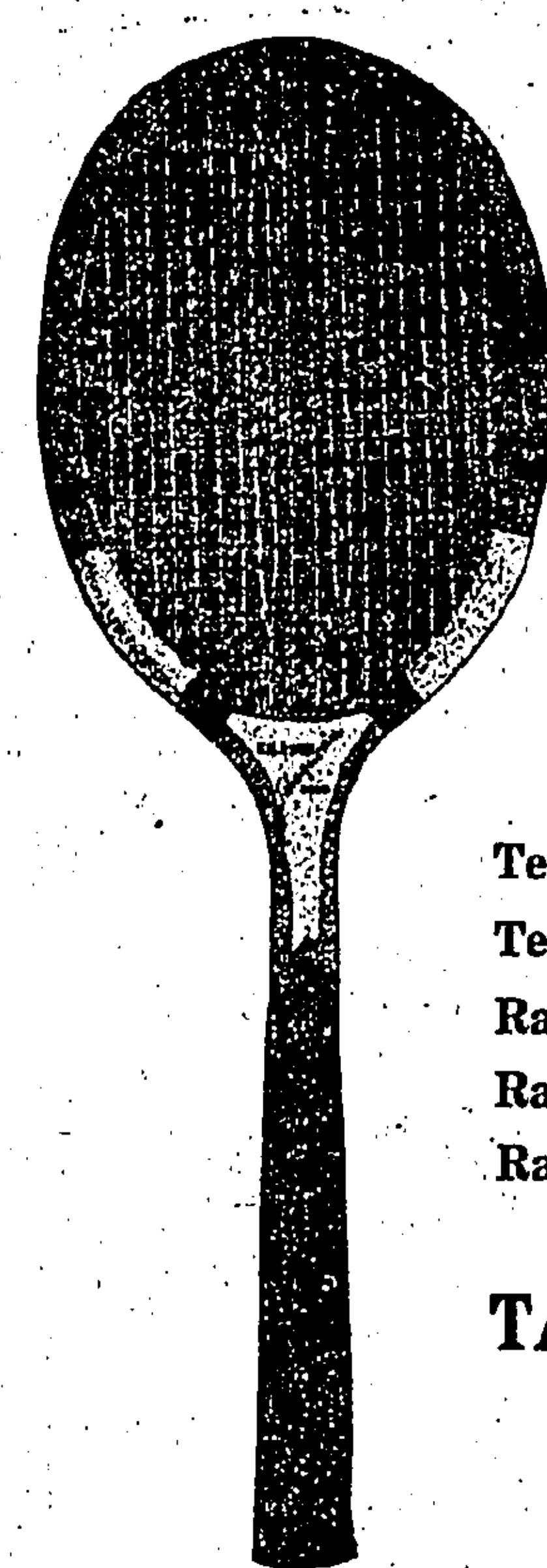
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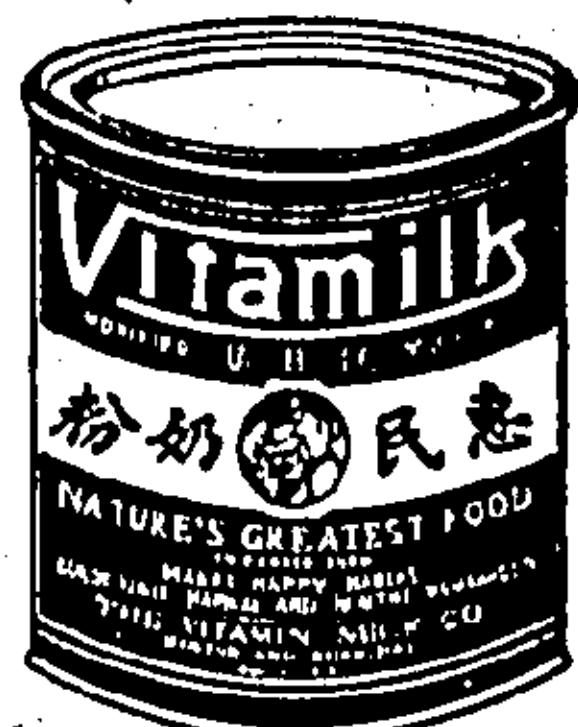
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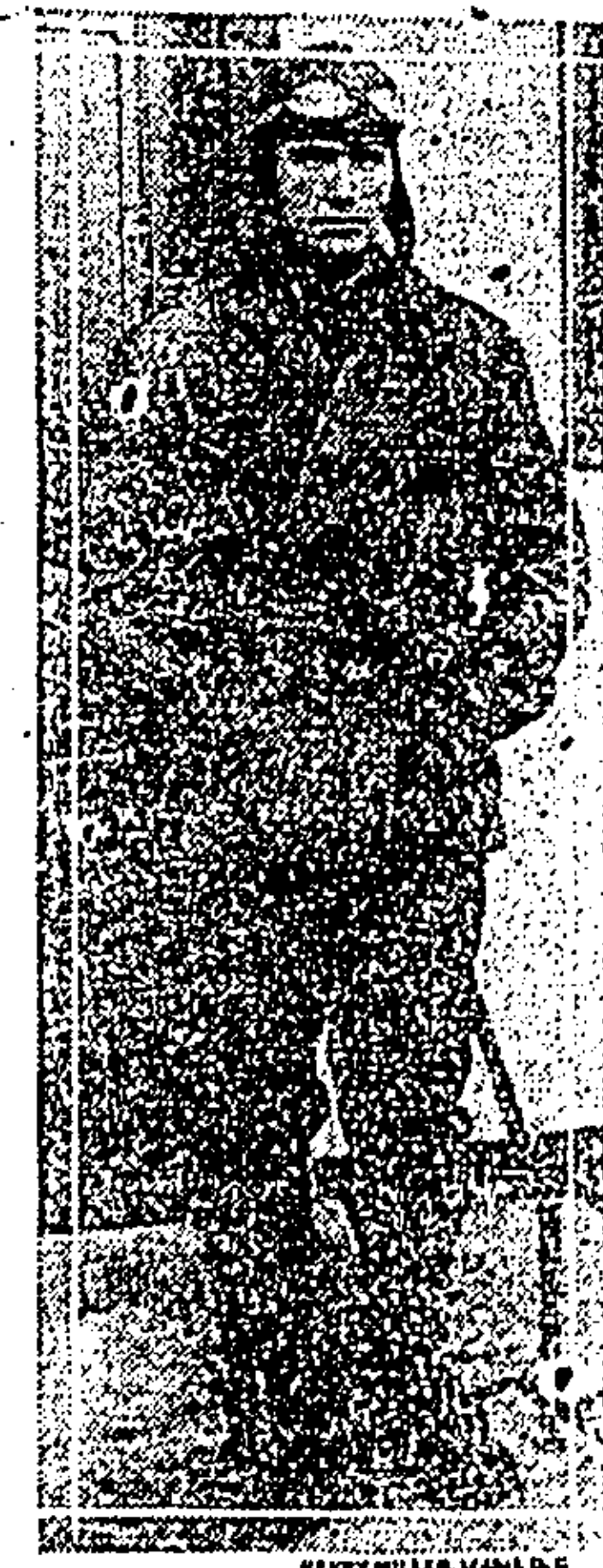
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over 33st was fined \$5 in New York
for causing injury to another wo-
man by leaning against her in the
course of a quarrel.The delegates of the Worshipful
Company of Vintners who are on a
visit to Portugal have been receiv-
ed by President Carmona and the
Foreign Minister.President Coolidge has recom-
mended Congress to appropriate
\$40,000 to enable the Navy Depart-
ment to investigate and experiment
with safety devices for submarines.The Burgomaster of Cleve has
completed his twenty-fifth year of
office in the ancient city, the his-
tory of which is bound up with
that of the ducal house of that
name.Poland and the Free City of
Danzig have agreed that the Pre-
sident of the Port of Danzig Au-
thority shall retain his position for
a further three years, until April
24, 1931.The mill "de Grootvorst" at
Zaandam, Holland, well known for
its association with Peter the
Great when he was there for the
purpose of learning shipbuilding,
has been completely destroyed by
fire.At Lisbon Senhor de Bettencourt
Rodrigues, Minister of Foreign
Affairs, and Dr. Voretzsch, the
German Minister, exchanged ratifi-
cations of the Convention of Civil
Procedure between Portugal and
Germany.An official meeting of the Aca-
demy of Sciences of the Soviet
Union, held at Leningrad, was de-
voted to the celebration of Maxim
Gorky's thirty-five years of literary
activity and of the great writer's
60th birthday.Lieut. Al Williams, Navy Air
speed champion, who succeeded in
negotiating the rare and difficult out-
side loop six times in a landplane at
the Anacostia Naval Air Station in
Washington. Lieutenant Williams,
on duty in Washington, did the stunt
which involves the risk of jarring
pilots loose from their planes.A general meeting of the Ori-
ental Navigation Co., Ltd. (in
liquidation) will be held at 6 Des
Voeux-road Central on Saturday.
Details are given in the advertis-
ing columns.Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the
Central Magistracy this morning, a
Chinese was charged with murder
alleged to have been committed in
Yaumatei in 1921. No facts of the
case were mentioned, and a formal
week's remand was given.Captain Kenneth Mackay is re-
turning from Egypt with his par-
ents, Lord and Lady Incheape. Mrs.
Mackay, however, and her daughter
are going on to Sydney (Australia)
for the sea voyage, and will not be
returning until the end of May.Yesterday afternoon Major C.
Willson was engaged at the Central
Magistracy with a case concerning
the elopement of a Honnam draper's
wife with one of her husband's shop
foks. As the result of a com-
munication made to the Secretariat
for Chinese Affairs, the couple were
discovered living together in Shau-
kiwan East. The charges against
the pair were adultery, whilst the
man was further charged with har-
boring a married woman. On the
adultery charge both defendants
were fined \$50 each, whilst the man
was fined a further \$50 for harbour-
ing.The State Department at Wash-
ington has raised the ban on the
export of commercial aeroplanes
to Mexico.The Olympic Committee at Am-
sterdam is arranging a "Dutch
Folklore Feast" in connection with
the opening of the Olympic Games
on July 28.The late Sir Walter Hillier, of
The Oaks, Bracknell, an authority
on China and the Chinese Language,
a former Adviser to the Imperial
Government of that country, left
£35,228, net personality £28,687,
says the "China Express and Tele-
graph."Mrs. Robert L. Owen, wife of for-
mer Senator Owen of Oklahoma,
whose name has been mentioned as a
possible presidential possibility on the
Democratic ticket, who is very active
in the social life of Washington.Forty-eight hours' detention and
15 strokes of the birch, was the
sentence passed by Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell, at the Central Magistracy this
morning, on a Chinese boy who was
charged with snatching a wrist
watch from a Chinese girl whilst
she was on her way to school yes-
terday morning.Whilst a hand truck was being
driven by some coolies along Sand-
street yesterday afternoon, it sud-
denly swerved to one side and
pinned one of them between one of
the wheels and the wall of a nullah.
The coolie with injuries to his head
and body, was taken to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital.A Chinese with three previous
convictions, for two of which he
had served terms of three months' hard
labour, was again before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell, at the Central
Magistracy this morning, charged
with picking the pocket of a man
in Wing Lok-street yesterday and
stealing \$5. He was sentenced to
six months' hard labour.A gasholder, stated to be a
world's record in point of size, is
in course of erection by the Ger-
man Gutehoffnungshutte. It is 174
feet high, exceeding the great one
at Hamborn by 30 feet, and that at
Vienna by 25. It will hold 347,000
cubic metres of coke gas, which,
hitherto wasted for the most part,
will now be utilised for new pro-
cesses recently discovered.Sneaking on to the ground of the
Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday
whilst some members were playing
tennis, a Chinese appeared to be
going through the pockets of several
coats which were lying about. He
was observed by an Indian const-
able who chased and caught the
man near the Supreme Court and
brought him back to the Cricket
Club. After examination, it was
found that no theft had apparently
been committed and the man was
released.Prempt action on the part of the
police yesterday frustrated what
might have been a serious street
fight in Bonham Strand West be-
tween the foks of a fruit shop and
some scavenging coolies. A shop
fok was washing his face at a
street fountain when a scavenger
who was sweeping the street
brushed a cloud of dust in
his direction. The two
quarrelled, and eventually came
to blows. Later, at about noon, it
was alleged that about 100 men ar-
rived at the shop and called the
shop foks "to come out and fight."
A telephone message was sent to
Police Headquarters and a large
body of police was despatched.
They arrived in time to stop the
trouble just when things were
becoming ugly.The British aeroplane, piloted by
Mr. St. Barbe, which is flying to
Constantinople, reached the Buda-
pest aerodrome. Constantinople is
his next objective.Hungary's foreign trade returns
for January, 1928, show imports at
about \$3,200,000, and exports at
\$2,000,000, leaving an adverse
balance of \$1,200,000.On board the s.s. "Tung On" from
Canton, Revenue Officers made a
haul of 200 taels of illicit opium.
The drug was taken ashore, but it
is understood that no arrest was
made.The railway workshops at Betch-
kerek, Jugoslavin, have been com-
pletely destroyed by fire. No one
was injured, but the damage is
estimated at 6,000,000 dinars
(about £21,600).New York, Yesterday.—Professor
Murray Butler has been elected
President of the Pilgrims Society of
America in succession to the late
Mr. Chauncey Depew. — Reptel's
American Service.Earthquake shocks were felt at
Zagreb, and in the neighbourhood
of that town. In the region of
Leipick and Pakrac several houses
were damaged and chimneys col-
lapsed. No one was injured.Major George Harold Kendle,
Royal Marines, has been sworn in
as Acting Governor of the Colony
of St. Helena and its dependency
Ascension, following the departure
of the Governor, Mr. Harper, for
home leave.The Hon. Mr. W. T. and Mrs.
Southorn returned yesterday by the
s.s. "Antenor" from Home leave.
The Colonial Secretary will act as
Officer Administering the Govern-
ment while H.E. the Governor is
absent on leave.St. Petersburg, Fla.—"Off with
the old and on with the new"—
Roger Hornsby, former captain of
the New York Giants, who was sold
down the river to the Boston Braves,
wearing his new uniform for the
first time.A marriage will take place quietly
in July, between Mr. Cyril William
Carter, Fellow of Queen's College,
Oxford, and Dorothy Gertrude, eld-
est daughter of the Rev. S. J.
and Mrs. Nightingale, of the C.M.S.,
Fochow.The marriage of Major Richard
Brougham Denny, Somerset L.I.
(ret'd.), late Assistant Military
Attache, Peking, and Sybil Nina
Evans-Freke, of 80, Phillbeach Gar-
dens, S.W., will take place on April
21 at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.Colonel R. K. Applin, M.P., and
Mrs. Applin, Mr. and Mrs. L.
Baxendale, and Mr. H. W. Looker,
M.P., and Mrs. Looker were among
the guests of the King and Queen
at their second afternoon party,
held at Buckingham Palace on
March 29.Mr. Frank H. Rose (Soc. North
Aberdeen) introduced in the House
of Commons the Agencies and Re-
gistrars Bill, which aims at safe-
guarding the interests of genuine
theatrical agents and at curtailing
extortionate operations by other
agents. Mrs. Hilton, Philipson
and other M.P.s of all political
parties with stage interests are
supporters of the Bill. The clause
of the Bill to compel agents to be
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This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" contains
much of interest for residents who have gone on holiday and
for others who have connections with Hong Kong and China
generally.Anxiety was caused by a rumour that British nationals
had been instructed to leave the port of Chefoo. The official
denial and explanations are in the "Overland."The war in North China reached a stage at which the
Japanese precautionary expedition co-operated with National-
ist troops in maintaining order in the city of Tsinanfu, in
Shantung province. The main Japanese force moved inland
from the coast, ready to march the last 50 miles if necessary.Considerable attention in Hong Kong was drawn to the
debate in the Legislative Council as the result of a motion
tabled by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock in connection with
children's playgrounds in Kowloon and public bathing facilities
in the Colony.The sensational murder of Mr. Lee Hysan, the wealthy
Chinese merchant, is fully described.Furthermore, there are reports of Chief Petty Officer
Kelsey's trial at the Sessions, an account of the St. Stephen's
College ceremony at Stanley, the appeal by the Rev. J. C.
Knight-Anstey for a new Sailors' and Soldiers' home, the local
and sport news, and the week's China and Japan cables.

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Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going
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SIR HENRY BISHOP'S
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HER MUSICAL TASTES.

[By Andrew De Temant.]

The ideal Shakespearean actress of the French romantic movement, Henrietta Smithson, who was leading lady in succession to Kemble and Macready, first arrived at Paris in the autumn of 1827. On March 3, 1828, a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" was given for her benefit at the Salle Favart, and she created a profound impression as the heroine. The French Royal family attended, and Charles X. shortly afterwards presented her with a purse of gold. The following incidents of her rise, decline, fall, and subsequent marriage to Berlioz are known to all readers of the composer's fantastic "Memoirs." But not so her lifelong friendship with the more modest composer of "Home, Sweet Home."

The "Athenaeum" of Feb. 15, 1834 (p. 130), following: "Philharmonic Concerts.—The first rehearsal of new music took place on Thursday week. We consider the overture of Andreas Romberg as the most successful of the compositions which were tried on this occasion, another by M. Berlioz (we believe, the husband of the late Miss Smithson) was by no means so satisfactory. A third, by Mendelssohn Bartholdy, was much admired; as also was one by Mr. Lucas, pupil of the Royal Academy of Music."

There is no record in the "Athenaeum" or in the "History of the Philharmonic Society," by George Hogarth (the father-in-law of Charles Dickens), of a public performance of the Berlioz overture, and it was probably considered by the committee "by no means satisfactory" for such an honour. Berlioz, the year before (1833), had married Henrietta Smithson, and his MS. overtures up to 1834 were "Waverley" (1827-28), "Les Francs Juges" (1827-28), "King Lear" (1831), "The Corsair" (1831), and "Rob Roy" (1832). All, with the exception of the "Francs Juges," were based on masterpieces of English literature, and three, viz. "Waverley" and "Rob Roy" and "The Corsair," by then not long since deceased literary giants, Sir Walter Scott and Lord Byron.

Berlioz's wife, Henrietta, informed my father, the late Victor de Temant, in the year 1852, eighteen years afterwards, that it was she who sent the scores and parts of the Scott and Byron overtures to Henry Bishop, in the hope that he would use his influence to get at least one of them accepted for performance by the Philharmonic Society. As far as her recollection went, Bishop submitted "Waverley," and he was very much disappointed at the result of his recommendation. Bishop, on returning the scores and parts, wrote a most touching letter of regret on his failure to be of service to her in the matter and enclosed the sum of £10 in English money. The young wife was far advanced in pregnancy, and funds were running rather low in the modest lodgings. Bishop and Henrietta were once very intimate with each other in London, and even made arrangements to be married. They, however, drifted apart for some trivial reason, and the composer of "Home, Sweet Home" subsequently selected as his second wife, Miss Riviere (better known as Madame Anna Bishop), who afterwards deserted him in favour of Boches, the French harp player and composer. Berlioz, after composing a symphony in honour of his actress wife, deserted her in favour of a second-rate singer.

"The Last Rose of Summer."

Poor Henrietta would have been a far happier woman had she remained in England and married Henry Bishop. She died at Paris in 1854, and Bishop in 1855. Both were by no means in flourishing circumstances at the time of their death. Berlioz could only afford to allow his separated wife 150*fr* a month. This was supplemented by 20*fr* from Berlioz's colleague of the "Journal des Débats," Jules Janin. My father, who after his duties at the Imperial (now called National) Library acted as amanuensis for Janin, was selected as his last messenger to Madame Berlioz, and brought the 20*fr* regularly on the first of each month. After the third visit he made arrangements with her to have a monthly lesson in English, for which he paid 6*fr* each time, but she, not being a professional schoolmistress, troubled herself little about the regulation school text-books. Her literary guides consisted of Shakespeare's plays, Hazlitt's "Dramatic Essays," Bulwer Lytton's novels, and Thomas Moore's poems. She was especially fond of the "Irish Melodies," and often sang them to my father. Flowing first heard Madame Berlioz sing "The Last Rose of Summer" at a concert in Paris in aid of Irish political refugees, and this inspired him to introduce it in his opera "Martha."

Madame Berlioz never criticised her husband's compositions, but she often said that the difficulties he had in placing them were almost entirely due to their being planned on too large a scale. In the early years of her married life she had numerous quarrels with her husband on the subject, especially when MSS. were being returned one after another. But it was easy to perceive, my father said, that she had little sympathy with the development of music in France, Italy, and Germany, and her preferences were for the simple music sung and played at the London theatres during her career as an actress. Bishop, according to her, was the most kind-hearted man in the world, and she never appealed to him in vain. He often assisted her by sending small sums, unknown to Berlioz. Joseph Knight, in his biography of her, in the "Dictionary of National Biography," states: "that she had no wish in later life to revisit Great Britain." This is by no means correct. She often told my father that up to the year 1840, when she separated from her husband by mutual consent (after discovering, by finding a letter, that he had a mistress), she always wished to return and settle in London.

An Unrealised Ambition.

Her principal object was to start a "school of dramatic art" in conjunction with her brother, who was formerly manager of the English theatre at Boulogne. Macready promised his patronage, and Bishop, in one of his letters, expressed the opinion that it might supplement the excellent work of the Royal Academy of Music, and be ultimately merged with that institution. She also believed that it would offer scope for Berlioz to show his abilities as musical director, and that it would lead to other engagements as conductor and composer. Bishop was knighted in 1842, two years after her separation, and if she returned to England her theatrical friends might think that she came back to obtain divorce and become in due course Lady Bishop. But she was now broken down in spirit, partly paralysed, and was like one of the most successful of her characters on the English and French stage, "Jane Shore," of Nicholas Rowe.

Alas! I'm wondrous faint — But that's not strange. I have not eat these three days. Her delivery of these lines created considerable sensation at the Paris theatre (Salle Favart), and in her retirement when in a melancholy mood she often recited them.

PAUL DUKAS.

VIEWS ON MODERN MUSIC.

M. Paul Dukas, the composer of "L'Apprenti Sorcier," has given his views on modern music to an interviewer, and it is important to note that, although M. Dukas has little respect for the extravagance of the "ultra modern," he is quite confident that a healthier and fertile period is at hand.

Amongst the remarks M. Dukas made to a representative of "Comœdia," some are of special interest to his own countrymen; others have a wider application. Of French art M. Dukas tells us that after following a regular course from its birth to Debussy, it has suddenly come to a halt: "We are passing through a crisis in which problems of purely technical interest have gained the upper hand. Once, although there were different tendencies, the speech of music was everywhere the same. To-day composers have evolved different languages—some of them upholding the claims of a traditional speech; others demanding a language freed from the trammels of grammar and syntax. Thus have arisen within the musical commonwealth political factions which act in the manner of all political parties. . . . It is curious to note that while life in general has become more comfortable, art has become more primitive, fiercer, more implacable. The more civilised the world grows the more barbaric become its arts. For it is not music alone that is in question. There is a general want of proportion between the means and the end. The mountains inevitably give birth to a mouse. The modern artist, anxious to call attention to himself and his work, adopts all that is strange and absurd to achieve his object, and in the end, to use Degas's phrase, 'Admiration takes the form of panic.'"

"A day, however, must come—I believe, soon—when musicians will feel the heavy burden of such liberty, and will ask for a return to discipline and order. The cult for exaggerated forms of 'symbolism' and 'naturalism' have led in France to a return to the classics. The art of the classic has always consisted in suggesting liberty within the law. Whoever will be the first to understand and realise it will be the man of genius whose coming we are all awaiting."

A NEW SOCIETY.

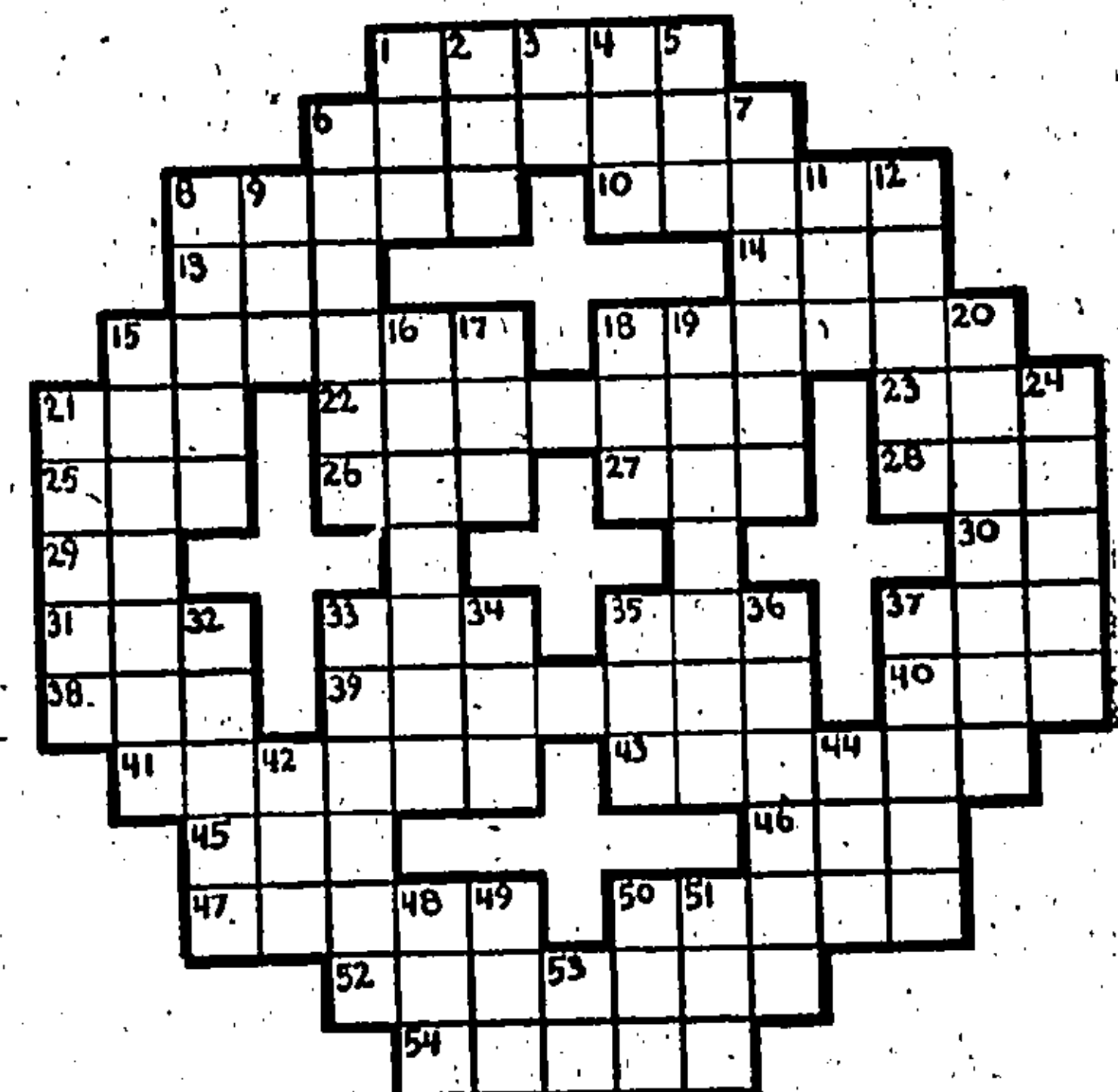
ANTHONY BERNARD'S SCHEME.

"The chief object of this society will be the advancement of fine music, finely performed." Such is the terse and admirable proclamation of the New English Music Society, of which Major the Hon. John J. Astor, M.P., is president, the Marchioness of Lansdowne chairman, and Mrs. Emil Mond, the honorary secretary. The moving spirit is Mr. Anthony Bernard, who has enlisted the co-operation of an influential committee, and will inaugurate in October next a regular series of chamber orchestral concerts. The society will revive the best of the early vocal and instrumental music, and produce interesting works of the modern schools at its concerts, eminent soloists being engaged to collaborate with the London Chamber Orchestra, founded by Mr. Bernard seven years ago.

The initial concert was to take place on March 29 at the Park-lane Hotel, when the Marchioness of Lansdowne was to speak on the aims and plans of the society. The programme included a new suite by Alfredo Casella, entitled "Scarlatina" (a first performance in England), and compositions of Bach, Debussy, Vaughan Williams, and de Falla. Mr. Arthur Benjamin was to be solo pianist in de Falla's "Nights in the Gardens of Spain."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—One of Dickens' evil characters
- 2—One of the chief neck arteries
- 3—Seafly
- 4—Long pointed rods on which meat is roasted
- 5—Play upon words
- 6—Rival
- 7—Mist
- 8—Reparation
- 9—Adult males
- 10—Falls upon and seizes with the claws
- 11—Suitable
- 12—Refuge of Noah during the deluge
- 13—Large edible tuber
- 14—Consume
- 15—Refusal
- 16—Measure of weight (abbr.)
- 17—Reformed Presbyterian (abbr.)
- 18—Half a score
- 19—Unite with needle and thread

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 20—The young of a fox
- 21—Feminine of "Saint" (abbr.)
- 22—Prefix. Up
- 23—Make ready
- 24—A soft cushion
- 25—Certify as being genuine
- 26—Member of the Coolidge cabinet
- 27—To the time when (Poetic)
- 28—Broad blade used for rowing
- 29—Scorams
- 30—Skin disease of dogs
- 31—The art of navigation
- 32—The agency of a substitute

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 33—Young dog
- 34—Silvery white fusible metal
- 35—Type of vehicle
- 36—Garden flower
- 37—Wanderers
- 38—Quantity of money
- 39—Playing card
- 40—Musical time
- 41—Heroically brave and enduring
- 42—Island in Mediterranean Sea
- 43—Reproduced by a typewriter
- 44—Tidy
- 45—Incantations
- 46—Molten with water
- 47—Imparts eccentric motion
- 48—To be appendant to
- 49—A germ
- 50—Knot
- 51—Litter
- 52—Length of a race course
- 53—Knight's title
- 54—Blend
- 55—Some
- 56—Behold

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

NEW OPERA.

CLASSIC MYTHOLOGY AND SICILIAN TRADITION.

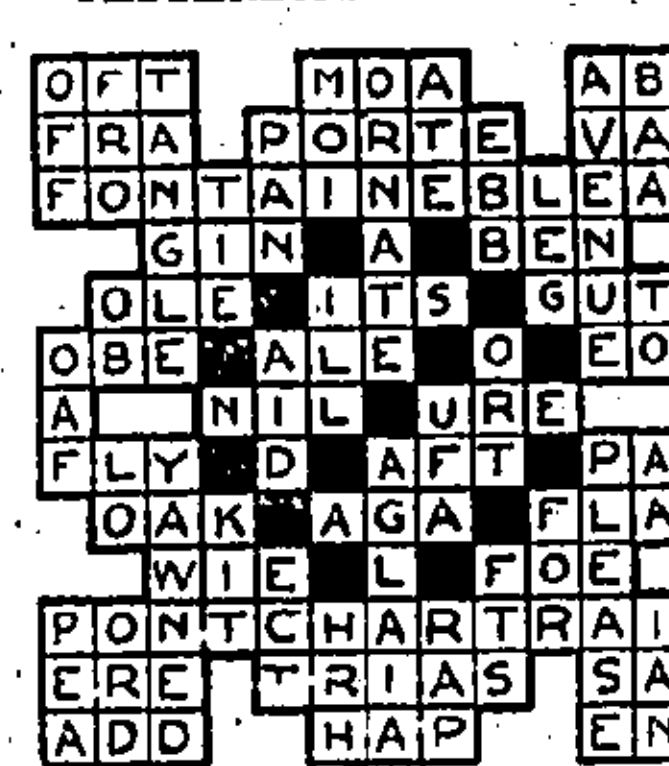
Rome.—"Daphni," the first new opera to be given at Rome's new Royal Opera, was produced with a considerable amount of success. The composition of Maestro Giuseppe Mule, was generously applauded by the public, and is praised by the critics.

The Royal Opera House was for the first time put to the test as to its capacity to produce high-class new productions, and came through the ordeal fairly well. The staging and the creation of certain mythological personages were rather defective. Venus appeared in a white nightgown, and a herd of satyrs, with hairy, tufted bodies, either too grotesquely covered or too extravagantly naked, danced and leaped about the stage in disconcerting frolics.

I had a short conversation with Maestro Mule, and he explained to me that his object was to represent the great classic and mythological traditions which are still vivid in his native island of Sicily. Signor Mule is a Sicilian by birth, and comes from Termini Imerese, near Palermo. His great ambition is to revive the prestige of the Sicilian genius, Bellini. The subject he selected was a simple love story of classic days, with the intervention of mythological personages, when Greek culture reigned in Syracuse and other parts of Sicily.

A youth named Daphni falls in love with a beautiful girl Egle, whom he meets in sylvan surroundings, but their love adventure is disturbed on one hand by a band of voluptuous satyrs, and, on the other, by the appearance of Venus, who herself takes a passionate graph.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



fancy to the hero, Daphni. But as he remains true to Egle the goddess is irritated and utters sentence against both lovers, who will wander about through the rest of their lives ever in search of each other, but destined never to meet.

The subject is intensely poetical, and is treated musically with great taste and refinement. The first and third acts especially have charming passages of harmonious and melodious interpretation of themes and situations. In the second act, divided in two tableaux, the uniformity of the thematic treatment becomes rather tedious, which, coupled with the uncalculated and constant intrusion of the satyrs, constitutes the only serious defect in the new opera. This, however, might be easily remedied. The tenor, Lo Giudice, and the soprano, Bianca Scacciati, as Egle, Luisa Bertana as Venus, and Maugeri as the Bacchanalian divinity Silenus, were much applauded, while Anna Gramigna and the tenor, Tofanetti, in subordinate parts, sang with great merit. The scenery was excellent, but supernatural mechanism might have been much improved. "Daily Telegraph" Correspondent.

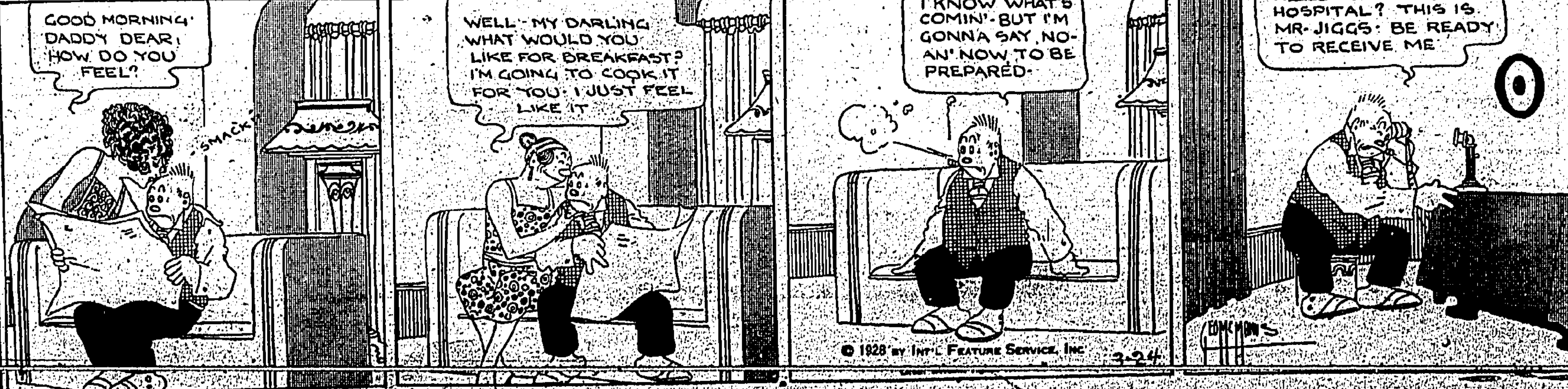
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Precious stones and jewelled articles of the estimated value of between £6,000 and £8,000 were stolen recently from a massive safe on the premises of Messrs. T. and A. Hirschfeld, manufacturing jewellers, Kirby-street, Hatton Garden.

The circumstances of the robbery suggest:

The probability of several men having been concerned;

The use of a lath shutter to prevent the light of an oxy-acetylene lamp which the thieves used being seen through the windows; and

Unusual precautions to ensure safe exit if disturbed.

The firm occupies the upper floors of the building, which was left securely fastened as usual. Nothing occurred to arouse suspicion, but when Messrs. Hirschfeld's foreman went to the offices on the first floor in the morning at eight o'clock he found that the door, which opens on the landing, had been forced by a jemmy, and the whole place was in disorder. Books and papers were strewn all over the floor, and the tall safe, standing on the left of the window overlooking Kirby-street, had been forced open by burning a large hole with an oxy-acetylene lamp close to the lock. The two cylinders which had contained the gas, and their wooden cases, were found lying on the floor.

Hundreds of Rings.

A large quantity of jewellery of various descriptions had been left by the firm in the safe and the whole of the contents were stolen, the empty cases being scattered about the room. In order to open the safe the thieves had to penetrate a steel plate about an inch in thickness.

Until the stock books have been gone through it is impossible to give a list of the missing jewellery, but the haul includes:

Hundreds of platinum rings set with diamonds and sapphires and with diamonds and emeralds. Several dozen platinum watches set with diamonds.

A number of flexible bracelets set with diamonds and with diamonds and sapphires.

Many packets of loose diamonds, sapphires, and emeralds.

A number of gold cigarette cases, and

A considerable amount of miscellaneous jewellery.

Each of the rings was stamped with the manufacturer's mark; the letters "R," "S," or "T," followed by a number; and the watches were stamped "T. and A. H. all plat. G." (or J.), with a number. The gold cigarette cases also bore the firm's initials.

How the thieves obtained an entrance to the building is not known, but it is obvious that they must have brought their heavy apparatus in a car, and used it for getting away speedily with their spoils.

Hole Burned in Safe.

The manner in which the thieves managed to burn through the safe so close to the window without the fierce light being seen from the street or the houses opposite, is also a baffling problem. The window is provided with a dark blind, which is never pulled down, but even if it had been drawn, the light of the acetylene lamp would have been plainly visible behind it. It is suggested that the thieves had provided themselves with a portable rolled-up light shutter, formed of thin laths fastened to canvas, or some similar material.

The police authorities have made a thorough examination of the premises, but are so far, it is understood, without any clue to the perpetrators of the robbery.

Daylight Operations.

Mr. Alexander Hirschfeld, the proprietor, said in an interview: "The lock of the safe, which is 5 ft. high and has a 1-in. steel door, had been completely burned out by oxy-acetylene burners. I believe several men were engaged in the

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SUNDAY, MAY 6.	
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SATURDAY, MAY 5.	
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Swatow	Svale 2.30 p.m.
Straits	Glengarry 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Monroe 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sunkong 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 6.	
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*Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MAY 7.	
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Chinkiang 4 p.m.

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COTTON TRADE.

Important Decisions Expected.

FOLLOWING CONFERENCE.

Drastic Recommendation May Be Forwarded.

London, Yesterday. Important decisions are expected to be taken in Manchester tomorrow when reports of the breakdown of the recent Cotton Conference will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Master Spinners' and Manufacturers' organisations. It is understood that the Federation's Wages Committee will recommend agreement to be ended.—Reuter.

DUTIABLE WINE.

BOATMAN AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

JUNK QUESTION.

A boatman was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, for the unlawful possession of 87 gallons of dutiable wine, contained in 29 jars, seized by Revenue Officers on board his junk in the harbour yesterday. The duty payable was \$104.

Mr. F. H. Loseby for the defence pleaded "not guilty." The Magistrate accordingly fixed the hearing for Wednesday afternoon next, and allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000. Mr. Loseby applied for an order for the release of the junk, but his Worship said that he could not do that as the junk was liable to forfeiture.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark said that in this case the junk was not liable as it was over 15 tons capacity. However, he objected to its being released as there were certain secret compartments on board, which he wanted to have removed. The Magistrate said that in any case the matter did not concern him, as his duty was only to consider the question of confiscation of the junk and not its release.

A NEW HOSPITAL.

THE "TUNG WAH" IN SOOKUMPOO VALLEY.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor will perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital at Sookumpoo Valley.

The new hospital which was planned for the benefit of the poor in the eastern district will occupy a site of about 50,000 square feet granted free by the Government. For the present work will proceed on five sections only and extensions will be made as money is available. The building now to be started will be three-storeyed with lifts to all floors, and there will be accommodation for more than 100 beds. The cost of the construction of the first section is over \$150,000 whilst another lakh is needed for fittings. In addition, a further large sum will have to be raised for equipment and maintenance of the hospital. Up to the present over \$380,000 has been raised amongst the Chinese community. It is intended shortly to make an appeal for further funds from local European firms and the public generally.

BEWARE OF DOGS!

TWO MORE LOCAL ATTACKS RECORDED.

INSPECTOR BITTEN.

At noon yesterday, whilst Sub-Inspector Fender of the Shataukok Police Station, was on patrol accompanied by his dog, the animal suddenly attacked its master biting him on the right hand. Inspector Fender went to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment, whilst the dog was removed for observation.

Whilst delivering letters at No. 204 The Peak, a Chinese postman was yesterday bitten in the leg by a dog belonging to Mrs. Clark and had to receive treatment at the Government Civil Hospital. The dog was removed to Kennedy-town for observation.

TO NORTH POLE.

Italian Airship's Expedition.

SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATION.

The "Italia" On Her Way To Antarctic Regions.

Stolp, Pomerania, Yesterday. Spitzbergen will be the "Italia's" base for the flight on the North Pole and other exploratory work in the Arctic. The main object of the expedition is scientific observation.

General Nobile was recently reported as saying that he hoped to anchor over the North Pole and descend by a rope ladder! He could thus deposit the wooden cross, presented him by the Pope, containing the record of the expedition.

The Italian Government is defraying all expenses. Bound For Spitzbergen. Stockholm, Yesterday.

The "Italia," the airship in which General Nobile will attempt a flight to the North Pole, passed over Oskarshamn from Stolp. It is on the way to Spitzbergen.—Reuter.

EXTRADITION CASE.

FURTHER EVIDENCE THIS MORNING.

TRAGEDY RECALLED.

When the extradition case was resumed at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell gave his decision on the second point raised by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (for the fugitive) when the case was opened yesterday morning.

His Worship said that he had come to the decision that the issue

FRESH AND FAIR.

East winds, fresh to moderate, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has strengthened and is now central to the north of Tokyo. There is a depression over North China and a typhoon to the S.E. of Yap, moving west or W.N.W.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day:—7 p.m. Typhoon in about 141deg. Long. E., 07deg. Lat. N., direction unknown.

[Note: The location is well out in the Pacific Ocean, south of the Caroline Islands.]

ance of a warrant by the Chinese authorities need not be proved, neither must such warrant be produced in that Court.

With regard to the question of accusation, Mr. Lindsell said that he found it proved by the deceased's son, in evidence, that such (accusation) had been made against the fugitive before the Magistrate at Namhoi, hence, the point did not arise.

"The Five-Eyed Bridge." The fugitive is Wong Him whose extradition is sought by the Canton authorities for the alleged murder of a man named Leung Chi-wo on December 11 last near the "Five-Eyed Bridge" which is beyond the first stop on the railway from Canton, the station before the bridge being Shan-on-shi which is also generally known as the "Five-Eyed Station."

The deceased lived in Pak-nga village near Canton, and was the member of the Defence Bureau of Sau-shui the district in which Pak-nga village is situated; whilst the fugitive lived in Fung-chin-tau village, and was the Commander of the Peasants' Corps of that village, a body which was alleged by relatives of the dead man to be Communist.

Leung Hau-tak, the dead man's son who gave evidence of the murder of his father yesterday afternoon, deposed that after the murder, the executives of the Defence Committee of Sau-shui sent a petition to the Magistrate of Namhoi praying for the apprehension of the murderer. In support of this statement the witness produced in Court a reply to the petition signed by the Magistrate one Wong Chun-tsun.

Deceased's Son as Witness. Recalled this morning, the de-

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London, Yesterday. Mr. Charles Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Co., U.S.A., was presented at a meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute in London with the Bessemer Gold Medal, the highest honour in the Iron and Steel industry.

Mr. Schwab, in acknowledging it, said the honour was the "consummation of his boyhood's dream."—Reuter.

PERSIAN DECREE.

FOREIGNERS AND THE NATIONAL COURTS.

NEW TARIFFS.

Teheran, To-day. A decree abrogating capitulations and subjecting foreigners to the jurisdiction of the National Courts operates on May 5 which will probably be proclaimed as a National holiday.

The Mejliss has passed a Bill creating new maximum and minimum tariffs, the minimum having been accorded to Russia.—Reuter.

ceased's son claimed that in the petition the name of the fugitive (Wong Him) was given as the murderer.

Asked by Mr. Lindsell if the name Wong Him was given in the petition to the Magistrate, was it not unusual that in his reply to the petition the Magistrate should have used the phrase "shot by Communists" and not make any mention of the fugitive, the witness said that he did not think that was unusual. He suggested that the Magistrate did not mention the fugitive's name because he did not want it to leak out that the authorities were out to apprehend Wong Him, for fear that it would come to the fugitive's knowledge and cause him to keep away from the village.

The witness also stated in further evidence that after the murder of his father, the fugitive and his party made off in the direction of Shek-wei-tong which is the terminus of the Canton-Shamshui railway.

Leung Hoi, a clansman of the deceased, said that on December 11, he, the deceased, the latter's son and another man left Pak-nga village to go to Shau-shui market. They walked along a path on the right of the railway line. As they neared the "Five-Eyed Bridge," they noticed the fugitive and about a hundred men waiting in the same direction on the other side of the line, coming from the direction of Fung-chin-tau village. The fugitive and about six others cut across the line obliquely in front of the witness who was walking some little distance behind the deceased's son, who was himself a little distance behind the deceased.

"Shoot." After crossing the line, the fugitive's party hastened along and overtook the deceased who was in the lead of their own little party. When the fugitive's party got level with the deceased, the witness heard Wong Him (fugitive) call out "Shoot," and simultaneously the witness heard the report of a revolver. The witness then turned and bolted. As he did so, he heard a second shot fired.

Replying to Mr. Lindsell, the witness said that he actually saw the fugitive fire the first shot himself. He had with him an automatic with a stock, which the fugitive aimed at the deceased and fired. The deceased collapsed immediately after the first shot was fired. The witness did not see who fired the second shot. The case is proceeding.

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[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A. denotes "Above Overflow".]

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	1927	1928
Tydam	304.39	263.02
Tydam Byewash	1.37	1.07
Tydam Intermediate	93.20	91.40
Tydam Tuk	73.74	67.76
Wong Nei Chung	13.72	3.09
Pokfulum	27.24	21.15

Total 1,191.03 964.98

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1927	1928
Consumption	210.75	218.57
Estimated population	410,200	420,520
Consumption per head per day	17.0	16.7

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts west of Garden-road during March, 1927, and Full Supply in all rider main districts east of Garden-road during March, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during March, 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	17' 9" B 11' 3" B	
Shek Lai Pui Reser.	1' 3" B	
Reception Reservoir	2' 4" B 0' 11" B	

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	109.39	245.40
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	28.60	108.09
Reception Reservoir	27.03	30.79

Total 249.02 384.13

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1927	1928
Consumption	77.45	91.45
Estimated population	159,490	164,440
Consumption per head per day	15.3	17.9

Full Supply in all districts during March 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to March 31, 1927, 9.20. March 31, 1928, 10.64.

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